WASHINGTON CITY.

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 1801.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

House of Representatives.

MONDAY, January 26th, 1801.

A memorial of fundry freeholders and inhabitants of Alexandria, was prefented to the Houfe, praying that Congrefs may eftablifh a fyftem of legiflation and government for the diftrict of Columbia, and referred to a committee of the whole on the fame fubject.

A memorial of fundry mechanics and manufacturers of New-York, praying that the attention of Congrefs may be directed to the encouragement and fupport of the manufacturing and mechanic arts within the United States, was read and referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Nott prefented from the committee appointed, a bill to cede to South Carolina, certain lands therein mentioned, which was read twice and referred to a committee of the whole tomorrow.

Refolved that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be inftructed to enquire whether any, and if any, what amendments are neceffary to be made in the acts for the relief of fick and difabled feamen, to report by bill or otherwife.

The Houfe went into Committee of the whole on the bill regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia—Mr. Rutledge in the chair.

Several amendments were made and reported to the Houfe, who agreed thereto with amendments, and ordered the third reading of the bill tomorrow.

Meffrs. Bird, M'Millan, and Varnum were appointed a committee to enquire whether it be neceffary to afcertain the northwardly boundary line of the tract of land in the North-weftern Territory, referved by Virginia, for fatisfying the bounty rights of the officers and foldiers of the Virginia line, to report by bill or otherwife.

The Houfe, after going into Committee of the whole thereon, ordered to a third reading tomorrow the bill to difcharge Samuel Lewis, fen. from imprifonment.

Refolved that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be inftructed to enquire into the expediency of continuing the "act further to fufpend the commercial intercourfe between the U. S. and France, and the dependencies thereof; to report by bill or otherwife.

The Houfe, after going into committee of the whole thereon, refolved that the prayer of the petition of James Clarke cannot be granted.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims reported againft the petition of Henry Penfinger, to which the houfe agreed.

The houfe, after going into committee of the whole, ordered to a third reading to-morrow the bill allowing the tranfportation of goods, wares, and merchandize to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by the way of Appoquinimink and Saffafras.

TUESDAY, January 27, 1801.

Three engroffed Bills, one entitled, "An act for regulating the grants of land appropriated for the ufe of refugees from the Britifh provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" one entitled "An act, authorifing the difcharge of Samuel Lewis from his confinement;" and one entitled, "An act authorifing the tranfportation of goods from Philadelphia and Baltimore, by way Apoquinimink and Saffafras" were feverally read and paffed.

Severally petitions were read and referred.

Mr. Gregg, after feveral prefatory obfervations, moved the following refolution which was read and ordered to lie on the table—refolved, that a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the act, entitled, "An act, fupplementary to, and to amend the act, entitled, An act to eftablifh an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the law heretofore paffed on that fubject, fo as to admit aliens who were refident within the limits, and under the jurifdiction of the U. S. prior to the 29th day of Jan. 1795, and who have continued to refide as aforefaid, to become citizens of the United States."

The Houfe refolved itfelf into a committee of the whole on a refolution reported by the committee of Ways and Means, that it would be inexpedient to repeal the act, entitled, "An act, to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houfes, and the enumeration of flaves—This refolution produced a lengthy debate, rather of a defultory nature, in which Meffrs. Grifwold, Bayard, Dana, Champlin, Cooper, Nicholas, Harper, Varnum and Gallatin took part.

The committee rofe without coming to a decifion on this refolution and were then refufed liberty to fit again.—A refolution having the repeal of that law for its object was referred to the committee of Ways and Means with inftructions to report a bill for that purpofe.

The following are the YEAS and NAYS on agreeing to the report of the committee of revifal and unfinifhed bufinefs, recommending a continuance of the SEDITION LAW.

Yeas.—Meffrs. Bartlett, Bayard, Bird, J. Brown, Champlin, Cooper, Craik, Dana. F. Davenport, J. Davenport, Dennis, Dickfon, Edmond, Evans, Fofter, Freeman, Glen, C. Goodrich, E. Goodrich, Grifwold, Grove, Harper, Henderfon, Hill, Imlay. Kittera, H. Lee, S. Lee, Morris, Otis, Page, Pinckney, Platt, Powell. J. Reed, N. Read, Rutledge, Shepard. J. C. Smith, Sheafe, Tenney, Thatcher. J. C. Thomas, R. Thomas, Wadfworth Waln, L. Williams, H. Woods.——48.

Nays.—Meffrs. Allfton, Bailey, Bifhop, R. Brown, Chriftie, Clay, Claiborne, Condit, Davis, Dawfon, Dent, Eggleften, Elmendorf, Gallatin, Goode, Gray, Gregg. Hanna, Heifter, Holmes, Huger, Jackfon. Kitchell, Leib, Lyon, Linn, Macon, Mulenberg, New, Nicholas, Nicholfon, Nott, Parker, Randolph, Smilie, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spaight, Stanford, Stone, Sumter, Taliaferro, Thompfon. A. Trigg, J. Trigg. Van Cortlandt, Varnum, R. Williams. ——48.

The triumph of republican principles in the election of *Thomas Jefferson & Aaron Burr* has been celebrated by the citizens of Paterfon, N. J. of Berks, Lancafter and Chefter, Pennfylvania.

Fram the Boston Centinel.

7th CONGRESS.—Register.

REPRESENTATIVES.

*MASSACHUSETTS.—William Shepard, Ebenezer Mattoon, Levi Lincoln, Lemuel Williams, *William Eustis, Phanuel Bishop, Joseph B. Varnum, Nathan Read, *Manassah Cutler, Silas Lee, Peleg Wadsworth, and George Thatcher.*— ☞There has not been a choice in the 1ft. Weftern, nor fecond Southern Diftricts—In the former, the whole number of votes was 2802—1402 being neceffary to a choice: John Bacon, had 1383—Ephraim Williams, 1376, votes.—In the fecond Southern, the whole number of votes was 1687—844 a majority.—Mathan Mitchell, had 611.—Josiah Smith, 551.—The refidue were fcattered amongft feventeen candidates. Precepts are iffued for another ballot in thefe diftricts, the 9th March next, the returns to be made on or before the 14th April.

**Not of the present Congress.*

In the Houfe, of Reprefentatives of the ftate of Delaware, on Friday the 16th inft. the following refolution, with the recital, was agreed to, Ayes 11, Noes 7—viz.

WHEREAS the opening of a communication between the Delaware river and the Chefapeake Bay, by means of a Canal, will be very beneficial to the agricultural and commercial interefts of this ftate, and at the fame time beneficial to our neighboring ftates Pennfylvania and Maryland: And whereas, confidered in a great national view, upon principles of a liberal, extended, and enlightened policy, in relation to the Union, of which this ftate is a member, it is an object of the firft importance, which, if attained, will, in time of peace, and more efpecially in time of war, promote the general welfare: And whereas it may be contemplated at a future day as a fource of revenue to this ftate:

RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed to bring in a bill for the above purpofe, calculated to accomplifh fo defirable an object, confiftent with the rights and interefts of the ftate, and the good people thereof.

The Legiflature of Virginia have paffed an act extending the charter of the Bank of Alexandria till the fourth of March, 1811; at which period the charter of the Bank of the United States expires, and till which time the faith of the United States is pledged to incorporate no other Bank.

The Grand Jury for the diftrict of Laurence, S. Carolina, prefented as grievance,

"The great uncertainty of the poft office,"

"The too fanguinary nature of the criminal laws of South Carolina," and

"The too frequent practice of the military officers exercifing military influence over the rights of election,"

And defcants on the caufes and confequence of thefe evils.

If the Lombardy Poplar poffeffes all the qualities which are attributed to it, there certainly cannot be too much attention paid to its culture. It ferves, it is faid, in the country from which it derives its name, the following purpofes.

1. It moderates the heat of the fummer fun in meadows, and thus protects and encreafes the quantity of hay and pafture.

2. The body of the tree, when full grown, after its bark is taken off and it is thoroughly dried, makes good rails.

3. Its branches, when cut down and dried, afford excellent fire wood, particularly for cooking in fummer.

4. The leaves and fmall twigs of the tree, plucked or cut in the fall of the year, and dried, make a wholefome fodder for cattle and fheep during the winter.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1801.

Mr. Edmund Harrifon reported from the committee appointed to inveftigate and report upon the conduct of John Hamilton, the conful refident at Norfolk, in the tranfaction alluded to in the governor's communication relative to the alledged delivery of Hugh Jones, by John K. Read, and at the requeft of the faid conful, that the committee had, according to order, had the faid fubject under their confideration, and are of opinion, that John Hamilton as conful, was not authorifed under the laws of the United States, or any exifting treaties, between his Britannic majefty and the United States, to demand the furrender of any perfon whatfoever, as he is reprefented to have done.

They are alfo of opinion, that the delivery of the faid Hugh Jones, if made as reprefented, was done without any authority under the exifting laws of this ftate or of the United States, and that fuch delivery if fo unlawfully made, does in no degree extenuate or diminifh the offence of the faid John Hamilton.

And Whereas it is provided by the conftitution of the United States, that the judicial power of the United States fhall extend to all cafes affecting ambaffadors, other public minifters and confuls.

Refolved, That the governor be requefted to tranfmit to the Prefident of the United States, a copy of the beforementioned communication, together with the documents accompanying the fame, with a requeft that he will caufe the tranfaction to be enquired into by the competent authority; and that fuch redrefs may be given, as the laws of nations and the United States will warrant.

Refolved, That provifion ought to be made by law, for punifhing any like offences that may happen in future.

Then the firft refolution being twice read, was on the queftion being put thereupon, agreed to by the houfe.

The fecond refolution being twice read a motion was made to amend the fame by ftriking out the words *happen in future*, at the end thereof, and inferting in lieu thereof, the words *in future be committed by any person subject to the jurisdiction of this state.*

And the queftion being put thereupon, it paffed in the affirmative.

And the queftion being put on the refolution as amended, it paffed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in purfuant to the fecond refolution, and that the committee who reported it do prepare and bring in a bill accordingly.

Foreign Intelligence.

LONDON, Nov. 22.

The Firft Conful of France has availed himfelf of the late fuppofed attack upon his life, to enfure all poffible fecurity to his perfon.

A lady who has juft returned from that country ftates, that in order to obtain an interview with Buonaparte, it is now neceffary to be provided with *six billets*, or tickets, to be obtained from as many different *bureaus*, and to ferve as paffports through fix lines of guards, before an accefs can be had to this *newly* auguft perfonage.

The following paragraphs are from a private letter, dated Hamburg Nov. 7:—

"Commotions have taken place on the continent, the fame as in England, on account of the high price of provifions. On the 29th ult. eight granaries were pillaged at Raftock, and feveral perfons killed in a riot at Gaftrow, both of which places are in Mecklenbourg Schverin. This province is very fertile in corn, but the exportation of it cannot be prohibited without the confent of the States the members of which are moftly landlords, who prefer an high price for their grain in foreign countries to the felling it cheap at home. In our neighbourhood the price of provifions is rifing.

THE SUBSCRIBER,

Will Sell or Exchange

FOR approved lands near the Blue Ridge, a valuable tract of land in Northumberland County, two miles from the Court Houfe and near the bank of the Potomac, containing 1163 acres. This tract is divided into two plantations, on the one there is a brick dwelling houfe 50 by 32 feet conveniently divided, and two brick offices, 24 by 16 feet. A Framed houfe 20 by 16 feet defigned for an Overfeer, and other out houfes.

The conveniencies of this place are equalled by few, and the profpect excelled by none in the ftate.—The houfe is fituated on a high hill and commands an extenfive view of the Potomac, and the Chefapeak Bay. There is a Creek abounding with the fineft Fifh and Oyfters, which terminates the flat land of this tract, that is navigable for bay craft, and affords an excellent landing place within half a mile of the houfe. On this part of the tract there is an excellent bearing Apple and Peach orchard, and a variety of other fruit trees. It has a great fufficiency of Oak and Hickory timber, for the ufe of the plantation, befides a large quantity of pine. On the other plantation there is a framed dwelling houfe 32 by 16 feet, and a few out houfes, fuch as tenants generally have about them. This part of the tract is as well fituated for farming as any lands in Virginia. It is well watered, has a fufficiency of timber for its fupport, and flourifhing young peach and apple orchards.

As it is prefumable that no perfon will make fuch a purchafe without viewing the premifes, all that is neceffary to add is that Mr. Spencer Ball living thereon will fhew the whole, and is fully authorifed to make fale thereof.

JAMES V. BALL.

N. B. Any perfon purchafing may be fupplied with ftock of all kinds neceffary and fufficient for the plantation.

January 28, 1801. tf.

For Sale.

A Small tract of land containing 150 acres more or lefs. It is on the road to Frederic about five miles from George Town, and is a high and healthy fituation. Terms are one third to be paid on poffeffion being given, the remainder in two yearly payments. Enquire of the printer, or at the Commiffioners Office, City of Wafhington.

If not fold within a month it will be rented on eafy terms.

January, 28th, 1801. tf

Kid, Eliot & co.

HAVE received by late arrivals, a general affortment of Hard ware and Ironmongery, which they offer for Sale at their Store oppofite the Great Hotel.

They have also on hand

Madeira, Sherry & Lifbon } Wines.
Cogniac Brandy.
Jamaica Spirits,
Holland Gin,
Loaf and Brown Sugar,
Tea, Coffee, &c. &c.

Wafhington, Dec 18. tf.

Mantua-Making.

Mrs. DEMPSEY,

FROM NEW-YORK,

BEGS leave to inform the Ladies and Public in general, that fhe has commenced bufinefs in the City, on the New-Jerfey Avenue, five doors from Mr. *Smith's* Printing-Office, where fhe makes Ladies' Drefs on the fhorteft notice, and of the neweft fafhion.

January 16, 1801. 2w