

and of Massachusetts, proposing an exchange of the laws of the said states with the state of Maryland are impressed with a strong sense of the useful consequences which will in all likelihood result from the proposed interchange with those states, and are of opinion that the happiest results would flow from an extension of this free communication of legislative wisdom and experience between all the sister states, in as much as from the lights thus mutually furnished to each other, many improvements in the existing system of law may be suggested to each, and all may profit from the united wisdom of all. They hope that the state of Maryland will not be backward in the encouragement of a proposition tending to draw closer the bonds of union between the states, calculated to produce a similarity of municipal regulation—an object highly desirable; and to procure an equal harmony of legal, as there now exists of political principle. They would therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the governor of the state of Maryland be directed to forward to each state of the union, three sets of the laws of this state; and that he forward annually to each state, three sets of the acts of assembly of each session, and that he be directed to open a correspondence with the governor or other proper officer of the several states, with a view of procuring a present and future annual exchange of statutes.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Downey delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Seaburn, of Washington county, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true. They therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto John Seaburn, or his order, annually, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefited.

By order,

S. BRADFORD, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Pechin delivers a petition from Deborah Bartleson, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Pechin, Donaldson and Veazey.

Mr. Bowles delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the communication of his excellency the governor, relative to the government-house and furniture, beg leave to report, That they have carefully examined the same, and find the mansion-house and out houses are in good re-