

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Appropriations for Fortifications.

The House, in Committee Mr. Parryth in the chair, discussed the bill making appropriations for certain Fortifications for 1827.

Mr. Dwight moved to reduce the appropriation for Fort Adams, near Newport, to \$70,000. — And in reply to an inquiry of Mr. Pearce, explained, that it was the wish of the Committee of Ways and Means, to reduce the appropriations for fortifications for the current year, from \$680,000, as first reported, to \$540,000; that the difference in those sums should be distributed *pro rata*, on the works in progress; and that an application had been made to the War Department on the subject. The motion was adopted, as were similar motions respecting Forts Hamilton, Monroe, Calhoun, Macon, &c. — Motions to increase several of the appropriations, were made, and negatived; and the item for the Fort Mobile Point, was reduced from \$90,000 to \$70,000. Other appropriations were reduced, and some agreed to as reported.

The Committee then rose, and reported the bill to the House, and the amendments having been agreed to, the bill passed to be engrossed.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House, in Committee, considered the bill making appropriations for the naval service of 1827.

A motion of Mr. Barney to add an appropriation for a Navy Yard at Baltimore, was negatived.

Some amendments were proposed and agreed to.

The appropriation of \$36,000 for the support of Africans on the coast of Africa, occasioned a long and animated debate, in which the proceedings of the Colonization Society were censured by Messrs Parryth, Hamilton, and Kremer, and were defended by Messrs. Cook, Hoffman, and Mercer. \$20,000 were added as a specific appropriation for arravage. The Committee then rose, and reported the bill as amended. — The amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. At a little before 3 o'clock, P. M. the House Adjourned.

Thursday, Feb. 22.

The bill from the Senate, for the gradual improvement of the Navy, was reported without amendment.

Leave was given Mr. Livingston to offer the following which lies one day for consideration.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform this House, whether the several treaties between the United States and Denmark, and the Republic of Central America, which were communicated by the President at the opening of this Session, have gone into operation, and particularly those parts of the said treaties, which permit the introduction in ships of the said powers of Denmark and Central America respectively, of goods not the manufacture or produce of the country from which such goods were imported, &c. if the said treaties are in a course of such execution, that he also inform this House by virtue of what law the same are thus executed.

An engrossed bill for the support of the Navy, for 1827, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Appropriations for Fortifications.

The bill making appropriations for fortifications, was amended, and ordered to a third reading. The sums were reduced and fixed as follows: for Fort

Adams, \$70,000; for Fort Hamilton, at New Utrecht, \$5,000; Fort Monroe, \$60,000; Fort Calhoun, \$50,000; Fort Macon, \$15,000; Fort at Oak Island, \$25,000; Fort at Mobile Point, \$10,000; Fort Jackson, \$80,000. Adj.

Friday, Feb. 23.

The discussion on the resolution of Mr. Saunders, was superseded by a discussion which took place on the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to arrange the business to be acted on during the present session; the discussion remained unfinished, having been arrested by the Speaker, in consequence of the expiration of the hour.

The bill making appropriations for certain Fortifications, was passed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Several other appropriation bills for public buildings, library, &c. were read and passed—and then the House adj.