

*And whereas*, The State of Maryland is prohibited by the Constitution of 1867, from lending additional aid to any works of internal improvement, and the United States was foremost in commencing the work, and encouraging others to make investments therein, and having chief control thereof from 1828 to 1837, and ceasing thereafter to lend additional aid thereto, has caused the work to languish, although aid has been rendered to others, and less meritorious works since that date; and believing, as we do, that it is not only the duty, but the interest of the Government of the United States and the Congress thereof to come forward and aid in the completion of this work, therefore

1st.—*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, be and they are hereby requested to urge the necessity and importance of an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Potomac River from Cumberland, Maryland, to the mouth of Savage River in the same State.

2nd.—*And be it further resolved*, That our Senators and Representatives be and they are hereby requested to urge an appropriation for the cleaning out of the Eastern Branch of the Potomac, from the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, to Bladensburg, a distance of seven miles; and also for cleaning out, dredging and deepening the channel of the Patapsco River, from Light Street Bridge to Elk Ridge Landing, near the crossing of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad over said river.

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Freeman, from the Select Committee, reported favorably the following bills:

House bill entitled an Act to empower the County Commissioners of Baltimore county, to pay Wm. D. Burns of the 4th Election District of said county, an amount of money to pay physicians fees, and for lost time in consequence of injuries received whilst serving under the orders of a deputy Sheriff in arresting and securing unruly persons.

House bill entitled an Act to repeal Section 3, of chapter 429, of the Acts of 1870, dividing the 3rd District of Baltimore county into election precincts, and re-enacting the same with amendments.

Which were read the second time.

Mr. Getty, from a Select Committee, reported favorably, Senate bill entitled an Act relating to Justices of the Peace in and for Garrett county.