

report submitted by Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, on the 8th inst to enquire whether the State is bound in law or equity, by any subscription on her behalf, to the capital stock of any of the internal improvement companies mentioned in the act of May session, 1836. ch 395, and under color of the provisions thereof, and whether the General Assembly can lawfully repeal or modify the provisions of that act;

After some time spent in debate, and pending this motion,

Mr. Roberts moved that the house adjourn;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Grason moved that the house adjourn;

Resolved in the affirmative.

The house accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, February 14th, 1838.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Comegys,

The rule of the house which requires the journal of proceedings of the previous day to be read, was suspended, and the reading of said journal was dispensed with.

The bill from the senate entitled, an act to confirm an act entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland, passed at December session 1836, chapter 197, passed by this house yesterday, was returned to the senate.

Mr. Forward presented two petitions, signed by sundry citizens of Harford county, praying that summary remedies may be provided by law for injuries sustained by fire from rail road engines passing through said county;

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Cramer presented a petition of Daniel P. Saylor and sundry other citizens of Frederick and Carroll counties, praying the passage of an act authorizing the levy courts of said counties to levy a sum of money, not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars, for building a bridge across Pipe creek, between said counties;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Cramer, Boyle, of Carroll, and Powder.

Mr. Hopewell presented a communication from the hon. Clement Dorsey, upon the subject of a compilation of the public statutory law of the State in one octavo volume;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Maulsby (by leave of the house) submitted the following order; which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice enquire into the expediency of rescinding the resolutions passed at