

December
Session, 1834.

STEAM TOWING COMPANY.

NO. 40.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND:

February 4th, 1835.

Read, with the accompanying bill, a first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

MR. JONES, of Baltimore, Chairman of the select committee on that subject, made the following

REPORT:

The committee to which was referred, the memorial of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Towing Company, and of sundry other citizens, respectfully submit the following report.

The great loss to the State, consequent upon the closing of the navigation of the Patapsco by ice, is so manifest to all who reflect upon the vast trade of that river, as to need no argument to convince them of the importance of keeping it always open. The great waters of the Chesapeake passing through our territory and the rivers and creeks which flow into that noble bay, give to the counties bordering on them, the advantages of an easy and cheap intercourse with our commercial emporium, situated on the Patapsco, in the very heart of the State, when that river is not closed by ice.