

and perpetuate the vital principles of Union. And whereas it appears to this Legislature, that the leading objects for which the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company was incorporated, as indicated by the above preamble, would be as effectually and fully attained, at least for the present, by confining the eastern termination of the Canal to the highest point practicable and convenient for locking it down into tide water on the Potomac. And whereas, more especially a question has been raised, which has not yet been decided by the proper judicial authority, whether the company have the power under their charter to extend the Canal eastwardly beyond the highest point practicable and convenient for locking it down into tide water on the Potomac. And whereas, the funds of the company expended below the aforesaid point, may be jeopardized by the final decision of the above question of legal right:—

Therefore, Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it is inexpedient and unnecessary to expend the funds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company in constructing the Canal along the margin of tide water, below the highest point practicable and convenient for locking it down into tide water, on the Potomac river.

The said preamble and resolution, were read the first time, laid on the table, and, on motion of Mr. Thomas, of Saint Mary's, made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr Grason, chairman of the committee on ways and means to which, on the 11th instant, was referred the memorial of Thomas Kennedy, in relation to the settlement of his claims as State's Agent for the Western Shore; delivered an unfavorable report thereon, which report was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Done, chairman of the joint committee on the State Library, delivered the following report:

The joint committee on the State Library, which were instructed to enquire whether it would be expedient to repeal all that part of an act of Assembly, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-one, chapter twenty-three, which directs that a copy of the Votes and Proceedings be sent to each Justice of the Peace of this State, have had the same under consideration, and report, that the contract for printing the Journals of the present session having been already concluded; no measure can be adopted to lessen the expence of that item on the Journal of Accounts. The committee are not prepared to recommend the repeal of the law above mentioned, but for the purpose