

dignified impartiality, with which he has presided over its deliberations, during the present session.

Mr. Brawner from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made a favourable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, A supplement to the act passed at November session, 1804, chapter 55, entitled, An act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change, and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the general court and court of appeals.

Which was read.

The resolutions submitted by Mr. Teackle, from the joint committee on the Library, authorising the Governor to subscribe for the digest of the insolvent laws, by John L. Dorsey, Esq. were taken up for consideration, read the second time, and assented to.

Mr. Johnson submitted the following preamble and resolution:—

Whereas, the progress on the route selected, of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road—one of the great works of internal improvement, in the success of which the state of Maryland is deeply interested, has been suspended at the Point of Rocks, on the left Bank of the Potomac River, by a decision of the Court of Appeals of this State, in favor of the claim of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the prior right of choice for the route and site of their canal along the Potomac, which right of choice the said canal company have exercised, by choosing for the route and site of the canal, the said left bank of the river.

And whereas, the chief engineer of each of the said companies, acting as commissioners under the direction of the court of chancery, and at the mutual request of the said companies, after making the necessary examination, surveys and estimates, united in opinion and reported, that it was practicable to construct both the contemplated works through the narrow passes, from a point below, but near to the Point of Rocks, to a point at the bridge, which crosses the Potomac at Harper's Ferry, by a reasonable increase expense.

And whereas, it is represented to this general assembly, that the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, are willing to bear and pay the additional expense which will be incurred by the joint construction of the said canal and rail road, from the Point of Rocks to Harper's Ferry, conformably to the said report; and the interest of the state, and the public benefit, will be greatly promoted, by the ex-