

postage of the members, was taken up for consideration, read the second time and assented to.

On motion by Mr: Ely, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by him, entitled, an act to prevent partiality in sales by Auction, of deceased persons estates.

Mr. Harris moved to strike out the preamble to the bill.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Handy, the bill was amended by inserting after the word 'duty,' in the 4th line, 1st section, the words 'of the executor or administrator or the,'

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.

Mr. Sifford from the committee on Internal Improvement, to which was referred by an order of the house of the 28th inst. the memorial of the President, Managers and Company of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Road Company;

Delivered the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvement, have had under consideration the memorial of the President, Managers and Company, of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Road Company, referred to them by the order of the house, of the 28th inst. praying 'that one quarter of the sum of fifty cents per passenger, reserved to the state,' under the provisions of the act of the last session, chap. 175, entitled, 'a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act to promote Internal Improvement,' by the construction of a Rail Road from Baltimore to the city of Washington, passed December session 1830. Your committee regret to say, that they cannot perceive a sufficient reason to justify them in recommending the prayer of the memorialists to the favorable consideration of the house. The state having become a *Stockholder* by subscribing five hundred thousand dollars to the stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, for the construction of a Rail Road, from Baltimore to the city of Washington, that does not furnish a sufficient reason for the claim to indemnification, and that the 'giving practical effect to the principle of indemnification' as prayed for, would be establishing a dangerous precedent, calculated to defeat the liberal and enlightened support which the state has bestowed in aid of works of Internal Improvement, suited to the improvements of the age, and the increased wants of the people of the state. Your committee, therefore, *unanimously* state, that in their judgments, it is inexpedi-