

viding for a general school tax; third, to take such steps as will insure that the schools shall be kept open until the new system is fully inaugurated; fourth, that in the opinion of the association a thorough system of supervision is necessary; and lastly, that it is inconsistent with the dignity of the State of Maryland to depend upon other States for teachers, and it is necessary to provide for the education of teachers within her own borders by normal schools and other agencies.

Mr. McMaster presented a petition from W. J. S. Clarke and 52 other citizens of Worcester county, in opposition to the new county scheme.

Mr. Barnes, from the committee on public works and corporations, made a report constituting the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer a board of public works.

The report provides that unless the General Assembly of this State shall otherwise direct by law, the trustees named in a deed of mortgage from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to Phineas Janney and others, executed on the 5th day of June, 1848, shall be empowered until the first Monday in June 1883, to cast the vote of the State of Maryland as a stockholder in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company at all meetings of the stockholders of said company: Provided, however, that no person shall be chosen as president of the said company who shall not have been for five years a citizen of Maryland and provided further, that of the six directors authorized to be elected by the charter of said company, five shall have been for five years citizens of Maryland, and three of them residents of the counties of Allegany, Washington, Frederick or Montgomery, and one a resident of the District of Columbia.

The report also authorizes the Board of Public Works to exchange the State's interest as stockholder and creditor in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for an equal amount of the bonds or registered debt now owing by the State, but in so doing shall exchange all the preferred stock first; (and the number of directors which the State now has in said company shall remain until the interest which the State has therein shall be disposed of,) and the said board is authorized, subject to such regula-