

'Corporations,' sub-title 'Railroads,' to follow section 193, to be known as 'Section 193 A.'

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Crothers, from Committee on Finance, reported favorably, with proposed amendment,

Senate bill No. 123, entitled "An Act to waive and release all the liens of the State of Maryland, upon the corpus of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, upon its tolls and revenues, in favor of certain creditors of the Canal Company."

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out all of said bill after the word "Maryland" in line 1 of section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following :

"That the provisions of the aforesaid Act of the General Assembly, known as chapter 136½ of the Acts of 1896, be and the same are hereby extended, continued and made operative in favor of all the creditors of said canal company who have heretofore filed their claims with the said Charles A. Little, Auditor, but who were innocently under the impression that in so filling their claims, they had complied with all the requirements of law so as to entitle their said claim to the benefit of the said Act of 1896, chapter 136½ and the said creditors, upon complying with the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to all the benefits of the said Act of 1896 as though they had complied with the provisions thereof, and if their said claims were not, on the 1st day of September, 1896, under the provisions of said Act, barred by limitations or laches, then no laches shall be imputed to them, or either of them, for on account of the lapse of time from said date to the date of the filing of their said claims as hereinafter provided, they shall stand precisely as though they had filed their said claims under the said Act of 1896.

"Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That to avail themselves of the provisions of this Act it shall be necessary for the said creditors for whose benefit the said Act of 1896, is extended to file their said claims with the Circuit Court for Washington county as a court of equity on or before Sept. 1, 1900, and to satisfy the said Court that they