

unexecuted; therefore, Be it enacted, That James Carroll, Richard Caton, Christopher Johnson, David Williamson and George Prefsman, or a majority of them, be, and are hereby authorized and empowered to carry the provisions of the said act into execution, respecting the said canal, in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, as the commissioners nominated under the said recited act might heretofore have done, any thing to the contrary thereof in this present act notwithstanding; and that they, or a majority of them, have full power, and authority to lay out and run the said canal along Forest-street aforesaid, as far as convenient, towards the said ferry branch; provided, that in case the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall not proceed to open and complete the said canal within the term of seven years from the passage of this act, that then and in such case all and every of the powers hereby vested in the said commissioners, or a majority of them, for opening said canal, and all powers heretofore in any manner vested in any other persons by virtue of the aforesaid act, entitled, An act to empower the commissioners of Baltimore-town to make a correct survey of the said town, and for other purposes therein mentioned, so far as the same relate to the said canal, shall cease and be at an end."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of Robert Ramsey, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1796:
" Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 26, 1796: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution in favour of John Smith Brookes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1796:
" Upon reconsideration assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And the bill to lay out and establish a turnpike road from the city of Washington to Baltimore-town, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 27, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 6th line of the 1st page strike out the words "George Walker" and insert "Marshall Waring." In the 10th line of the 6th page strike out from the word "pass" to the end of the clause. In the 3d line of the 10th page strike out the words "fifty-two" and insert "sixty-six." In the 11th line of the same page, after the word "and" insert "that the said road shall be made." In the 4th line of the 12th page strike out the words "thirty-two" and insert "forty-six." In the 8th line of the 15th page strike out "or deface any of the said line of trees" and insert "deface or remove any." In the 7th line of the 17th page strike out the word "two" and insert "four." In the 9th line of the same page strike out the word "one" and insert "two." In the 11th line of the same page strike out the word "one" and insert "two." In the same line strike out the word "half." In the 12th line of the same page strike out the words "two milles" and insert "one half cent." In the 13th line of the same page strike out the words "one mille" and insert "two milles." In the interlineation between the 12th and 13th lines strike out the words "one cent" and insert "two cents." In the 15th line of the 20th page strike out the words "date of the incorporation" and insert "choice of the first directors as aforesaid." At the end of the 16th line of the same page insert "and every second year thereafter." In the 12th line of the 21st page strike out the word "six" and insert "ten." In the 16th line of the same page strike out the word "six" and insert the word "ten." In the last line of the same page strike out the words "and no more" and insert as follows: "In which increase they shall be regulated by the net profits of the preceding year. And be it enacted, That in case the said tolls, as hereby first established, shall, in any one year from and after the term of two years after the completion of the said road, exceed in net profits the sum of ten per centum per annum, then the legislature may, at any subsequent session, and from time to time, reduce the said tolls, provided that when thus reduced they shall not yield in net profits a less sum than ten per centum per annum; and in making such reduction they shall be governed by the average of the clear income and profits arising from the tolls of the two years next preceding such reduction. And be it enacted, That in case the tolls should be increased by the said president and directors by virtue of the authority herein before given them, and when so increased they shall exceed in net profits the sum of ten per centum per annum, that then and in such case the legislature may, at any subsequent session, and from time to time, reduce the said tolls, provided that when thus reduced they shall not yield in net profits a less sum than ten per centum per annum; and in making such reduction they shall be governed by the average of the clear income and profits arising from the tolls of the two years next preceding such reduction." In the 5th line of the 22d page strike out the words "date of said incorporation" and insert "choice of the first directors as aforesaid." In the 3d line of the 25th page strike out from the word "that" to the end of the fourth line of the same page, and insert "if any part of the said road, bridges or causeways, upon which tolls shall have been received, shall be and continue to be out of good and perfect order and repair." In the 11th line of the 26th page strike out from the word "names" to the end of the clause, and insert "and that the same be subject to the same disposition as other personal property of the said intestate."

Which were read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be referred to the next session of assembly.