

commissioners, not interested in the said road or its stock, or franchises, to enter upon and examine the said main stem road, (having first given notice to the President or some of the Directors of the company,) and ascertain whether the said lateral road has become forfeited according to the provisions of this Act, and who shall in a reasonable time, to be fixed by the Governor, make return to the Executive of the State, and if the said report of the trustees or commissioners, or a majority of them shall declare that the said main stem has not been completed according to the requirements aforesaid, the Governor shall appoint three trustees or commissioners to take possession of the said lateral branch road to the District of Columbia, and shall hold the same for the use of the State, until the next meeting of the Legislature.

Mr. Bowie moved a call of the Senate,

The Sergeant-at Arms was sent to inform the absent Senators that their attendance was required in the Senate Chamber.

On motion by Mr. Bowie,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Maddox, submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

*And be it enacted,* That no branch of the said Baltimore and Potomac Railroad more than two miles in length shall be construed until the entire railroad from the city of Baltimore to the Potomac River shall have been completed in a substantial manner and opened for transportation and for any violation of this section, the charter of said Baltimore and Potomac Railroad company shall be forfeited.

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Bowie, and was determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays as follow :

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Billingslea,	Kimmel,
Bowie,	Mackall,
Broadwater,	Philpot,
Compton,	Spates,
Davis, of Caroline,	Stephenson,
Davis, of Washington,	Stirling,
Earle,	Tome,
Frazier,	Trail,
Henkle,	Vickers,
Holton,	Waters,
Jump,	Young—22.