

made a party in the cause now pending in the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, entitled the Commonwealth of Virginia vs. the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and for other purposes, &c.,

Endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays."

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Clerk to the County Commissioners of Prince Georges' county, in response to an order of the Senate, enclosing the amount of taxes derived from mortgages assessed in said county for the year 1869.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Earle tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Earle was permitted to explain his reasons for tendering his resignation.

Mr. Snyder submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Senate have heard with deep regret, that the Hon. James T. Earle, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, has tendered his resignation of that position, the duties of which he has for several years past discharged with such signal ability, and to the entire satisfaction of this Body, therefore

Be it further ordered, That the Senate are unwilling to dispense with the usefulness of the honorable gentleman, and appreciating, as they do, the invaluable services rendered by him, and being fully convinced that no reflection upon the character and efficiency of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance was intended by any member of this Senate, most respectfully decline to accept his resignation, and express the hope that he will continue in the discharge of the duties of Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

On the question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,
Biggs
Carroll,
Clarke,
Heukle,
Henry,
Jump,
Kimmel,
Maddox,
Malone,

Miller,
Parker,
Sellman,
Snyder,
Spates,
Stephenson,
Timmons,
Welch,
Wilson--19.

NEGATIVE—None.