

That said McCardle, in testifying before your Committee, asserted that his information was wholly derived from a Director in the said Canal Company; but being asked the name of said Director, he absolutely refused to give the name of said Director.

Your Committee is advised that it is doubtful whether it has power to compel the said witness to testify, or to ask his committal to jail for refusing to testify; and it has, therefore, caused a leave to issue from the Senate to bring in a bill as asked, remedying the defect in our Code in this particular, by giving by an Act of Assembly, the same powers to the Senate and its Committees, as have been given by Act of Congress to the Senate of the United States, and its Committees.

In the meantime, your Committee having the power to test the truth or falsity of the statements of the said McCardle by the examination of all of the Directors and Bondholders of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, will proceed to investigate fully the matter referred to them, and will hereafter report thereon.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill entitled an Act to provide for the sale to the County Commissioners of Cecil county, of the State's interest in the Bohemia Bridge Company,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill entitled an Act to protect fish and wild fowl in certain of the waters of Kent county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill entitled an Act relating to Justices of the Peace in and for Garrett county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to fund certain indebtedness of the Board of County School Commissioners of Washington county, by issuing bonds therefor, and to levy a tax for the payment of the same,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill entitled an Act to prevent the increase of gates on the public roads of Calvert county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.