

shore land office, that require rebinding, and that for the preservation of said records, it is necessary the same should be rebound; therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor and council be and they are hereby required to examine said records, and if in their judgment they deem it necessary that the same should be rebound; they are hereby authorised to have the said records rebound, and pay for the same out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

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Printed Feb 11, 1829 A Report and Resolutions, in relation to the Improvement of the Navigation of the Pocomoke River.

THE Committee on internal improvement, which was instructed to inquire into the practicability and expediency of improving the navigation of the Pocomoke river, and more especially that section thereof which lies between the town of Snow-Hill, in Worcester county and the line of the state of Delaware, and of connecting the same, by a navigable canal, with Sinepuxent Bay, and also to inquire into the practicability and expediency of improving the navigation of said river by a canal across the southern extremity of Somerset county, to the waters of Tangier Sound, have considered the several matters of this reference, and beg leave to present the following report:—

From a view of the topography of that section of the state into which the committee have been instructed to inquire, and from information to be relied upon, they are convinced that the river Pocomoke passes through a very fertile region, covered with valuable timber, a considerable distance between the town of Snow-Hill, in Worcester county, and the line of the state of Delaware; and they are induced to believe that the navigation thereof may be improved to an extent very beneficial to the internal commerce of this state, to the augmentation of the public capital, and to the immediate interests of a numerous and enterprising population.

And from the same sources the committee are of opinion that the connexion of that division of the said river, by a navigable canal, with the waters of Sinepuxent Bay, would very essentially tend to draw into the trade of the Chesapeake, not only that vast amount of produce, which is now constrained to seek an outlet through uncertain and dangerous channels, and exposed, through all the hazards of the Atlantic coasts, to find a market without the state; but also, and more especially in time of war, to supply our navy