

ceeded the appropriation by the sum of \$81 39, although he procured such articles of furniture only, as were deemed essential to the decent and comfortable fitting up of the chamber. And being satisfied that no improper or unnecessary expense was incurred, we respectfully recommend an appropriation for the payment of the balance of Mr. Tuck's expenditure.

The resolution No. 54, requesting the president of the United States "to cause a survey to be made for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of a canal connecting the Potomac river, or the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, with the Basin of Baltimore both by a route north of the District of Columbia and through it; and the expense necessary to complete the same on a scale corresponding with that of the said Chesapeake and Ohio canal," was transmitted to the president, agreeably to the request of the legislature. And we have much pleasure in making known to you that the request met the favourable consideration of the president, and that the survey was promptly ordered, and has been completed under the superintendance of Doctor William Howard, a gentleman eminently qualified for the task, whose report we hope to be able to present you during your present session. When we shall receive this report, we shall then be in possession of surveys of the most important and interesting works of that character, contemplated in this state. And it affords us great pleasure to in-