

Ordered further, That the said committee be instructed to enquire into the propriety and expediency of authorizing the Treasurer of the Western Shore, publicly to advertise, both in this country and in Europe, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal for sale; and that he, the said Treasurer, if deemed expedient, be clothed with full power and authority to sell and convey the same to any individual, corporation or company, either in this country or elsewhere; provided nevertheless, the said Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, be restricted so as not to sell the said canal for a less sum than five millions of dollars, to be paid in the bonds of the State of Maryland at par; and that the said committee of Ways and Means be and they are hereby instructed to report to this House at their earliest convenience either by bill or otherwise;

Which were read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

Ordered, That the Treasurer furnish this House with a statement, showing the amounts of assessable property, as returned by the proper officers to his department, for each separate county, Howard District and the City of Baltimore; as also the amounts of monies paid by such separate counties, district and city, in pursuance of the acts of March session, 1841, chapter 23, and of December session, 1841, chapters 186, 194, 282, 297 and 325.

Mr. Owens submitted the following order:

Ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, to be called the committee on the Constitution, to consider and report such amendments as may be deemed desirable in the Constitution of this State;

Which was read.

Mr. Causin arose to a point of order, "whether the adoption of this order would not change a standing rule of the House, and if so, whether under the rule it must not lay on the table one day before it can be considered."

But the Speaker was of opinion, and so decided, that as the practice had prevailed without exception to adopt such orders, and it did not clearly entrench upon any standing rule, the order was in order.

From which decision Mr. Causin appealed, and the sense of the House being taken by yeas and nays, appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Owens	Lackland	Nesbit
Dorsey	Janney	Grove
Murray	Tuck	Weber
Allbutt	Roberts	Harne
Weems	Holland	Boteler
Morsell	Handy of W.	Dade
Freeman	Richardson	Kilgour
Walker	Lynch	Worthington
Risteau	McKeehan	Buskirk
Welsh	Crampton	Neff