

Mr. Owens, chairman of the committee on the Constitution, to which was referred the leave to bring in a bill to amend the Constitution of the State of Maryland, by taking from the Legislature the power of pledging the credit of the State, in aid of works of internal improvement by any future issue of State bonds, reported that the case is already provided for by the Constitution;

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time.

Mr. Yellott then moved the following, as a substitute for the said report:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the confirmation of this act by the next General Assembly, it shall not be lawful for the Legislature of this State, to aid in the making of any rail roads, canals, or other works of internal improvement, by the passage of any law or resolution authorising any loan or the issue of any bonds or other evidences of debt, for the redemption of which this State may be, or become in any manner responsible;

Which was read.

Mr. Owens then moved to lay the same on the table;

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

Ordered, That the said report and substitute be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Grove,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, furnish this House with a copy of the commission issued by him to George R. Beall, Geo. Kealhofer and Otho H. Williams, Esqrs., appointing them to ascertain and report to him "if seventy-five thousand dollars in gold and silver coin, be in possession of the Farmers and Millers Bank of Hagerstown, as part of its capital stock." Also, a copy of a certificate of said Geo. R. Beall, Geo. Kealhofer and O. H. Williams, Esqrs., made in pursuance thereof to him. And the Treasurer farther inform this House, whether or not, on the reception of such certificate signed by Geo. R. Beall, Geo. Kealhofer and Otho H. Williams, Esqrs., he did consider the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars in gold and silver coin, as having been paid to, and then *bona fide* and *actually* in the possession of the President and Directors of the Farmers and Millers Bank at Hagerstown, as part of its capital stock. Also, whether or not, if he, the said Treasurer, had been informed that there was but eleven thousand dollars, or thereabouts, in gold and silver coin, in the possession of the said president and directors of the said bank, as part of its capital stock, at the time of the signing of the said certificate, and that two specie certificates of specie deposit, upon some other banking institutions, for about sixty thousand dollars had been counted by the said commissioners as "*gold and silver coin*," he would have authorised the going into operation of the said Farmers and Millers Bank at