

The question being on the acceptance of the substitute proposed by Mr. Lecompte of Carroll, for the amendment of Mr. Kilgour and the said order;

Mr. Handy of Somerset then moved to lay the whole subject on the table;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on accepting the substitute of Mr. Lecompte;

And on being put,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on assenting to the amendment of Mr. Kilgour;

Mr. Graves then submitted the following as a substitute for the amendment and order;

Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to inquire into and report to this House, what abuses, if any, exist in the expenditure of the appropriations made by the legislature to colleges, academies and free schools.

Which was read.

On the question being put,

Will the House accept the said substitute?

Determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the order,

And on being put, it was adopted.

The Secretary of State delivered the following communications from the Executive:

STATE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, January 3, 1843.

To the Honorable

The General Assembly:

I have the honor herewith to submit the annual reports of the Directors of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company; of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company; of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; of Thomas Thistle, late superintendant of the National Road; of J. Huddleson, the present superintendant of the National Road within the limits of Maryland; of the President and Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, and a report of the committee on prison manufactures to the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary.

FRANCIS THOMAS.

Which were severally read.

The reports of the Directors of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company, of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, of Thomas Thistle, late superintendant of the National Road, and of J. Huddleson, the present superintendant of the National Road within the limits of Maryland, were referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.