

Read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

And the report of the trustees of the West Nottingham Academy in Cecil county;

Read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Grove submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on Retrenchment, be and they are hereby requested to inquire into the expediency of retrenching so much of the expenses as relates to furnishing the magistrates with the laws and the votes and proceedings, as also copies of the long journal to the members of the legislature;

Which was read.

Mr. Handy of Somerset then moved the following as a substitute for said order:

Ordered, That copies of the votes and proceedings of the House of Delegates shall not hereafter be furnished to the justices of the several counties of this State;

Which was read.

On the question being put,

Will the House accept the said substitute?

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the order, And on being put, it was adopted.

Mr. Brown Submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the government of the United States now holds in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, stock to the amount of two millions five hundred thousand dollars; and whereas, said work is not completed, and does not, nor will not yield any dividends or profits on said stock in its present condition; and whereas, the State of Maryland is interested in said work as stockholder and creditor to an amount over eight millions of dollars, which is also unproductive, and to pay the interest on which the good people of this State are heavily taxed; and whereas, the termini of this work is within the District of Columbia, and when completed will tend vastly to promote the interest of the inhabitants thereof; and whereas, the Congress of the United States exercises exclusive legislation over said district, and is therefore interested in its completion; and whereas, the State of Maryland is unable to complete said work to Cumberland, without aid from some quarter, a point which must be reached before said work can be rendered productive; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of Maryland, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to introduce and vote for a bill authorising and directing, that the stock held by the United States in said work be transferred to the State of Maryland, on condition that the State of Maryland cause said work to be completed to Cumberland in years from the date of said transfer.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit to our representation in Congress a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution.