

On the question being put,
It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Spence to refer them to the committee on ways and means, and on being put—

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Speaker called Mr. Tuck to the chair.

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Holmes presented the petition of Mary Houghton, praying a special act of the legislature to bring into this State a negro girl therein mentioned;

Read and referred to the committee on the colored population.

The door-keeper returned and reported that he had notified the absent members in the city that their attendance was required in this house.

The house then resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Ridgely in reference to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company.

Mr. Ridgely moved to amend said resolutions by striking out all after the preamble of said resolutions, and inserting the following:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, be and he is hereby directed to make requisition upon the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company for immediate payment of the arrears of interest due from that company to the State of Maryland, provided that if the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company have not disposed of the bonds of the State, then and in that case, that the said company shall deliver to the Treasurer of the Western Shore so many of said bonds as will at par of 83 1-3 in the \$100 be sufficient to cover the interest now due or which will become due on the advances of the State to said company during the years 1840 and 1841.

And be it further resolved, That upon failure to comply with the requisition so directed to be made, that the Governor be and he is hereby requested to lay before the attorney general of the state, all the information upon this subject in his possession, with directions to institute such proceedings in the appropriate tribunals, as may be necessary to secure to the State the instalments of interest due from that company to the State of Maryland, and to secure to the State the fullest benefit of all her contracts with said company.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The said resolutions and the proposed amendments were referred to the committee on internal improvements.

Mr. Constable moved to reconsider the bill entitled, an act for the better government of the banks of the State of Maryland, rejected on yesterday,

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On motion of Mr. Owens,

The yeas and nays were required and appear as follows: