

house, the memorial and accompanying papers of James D. Woodside, of the city of Washington.

Mr. Le Grand submitted the following preamble and order:

Whereas, it appears from the communications of the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, made to the Governor on the 10th of February, 1840, that the Canal Company was indebted to the Bank of the United States the sum of \$200,000; to the Bank of North America \$200,000; to A. Brown & Sons \$100,000; to the Merchants' Bank of Baltimore \$150,000; to the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore \$100,000; to the Bank of Washington \$115,000; to the Western Bank of Baltimore \$85,000; to the Bank of Potomac \$90,000; to the Commercial Bank of Baltimore \$40,000; to the Girard Bank of Philadelphia \$20,000.

And whereas, it also appears from said communication, that a portion of the six per cent. bonds of the State, issued under the law passed in 1836 were hypothecated, the holders having powers, in nearly every case, to sell them privately or publicly; and whereas, it also appears from the published correspondence, had between the President of the Canal Company and the various Banks of Maryland with which the bonds were so hypothecated, that they refused to give time to the said Canal Company, and peremptorily insisted upon the payment of the several amounts due to them—therefore, be it

Ordered, That the Bank of Baltimore, Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore, the Western Bank of Baltimore, the Merchants' Bank of Baltimore, the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Baltimore, be severally directed to state to this house, as speedily as possible, what induced the refusal, on their part, to allow additional time to the Canal Company, and whether they have effected a sale of the five per cent. sterling bonds given to each of them in payment of the debts due to them, respectively; and if so, to whom, at what time, and for what price.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Gaither moved to refer said preamble and order to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Le Grand moved to amend said motion, by adding the following instructions: "and that the committee be instructed to procure the information required by the preamble and order, and report the same to this house as soon as practicable."

Mr. Jones of Somerset, moved that said instructions be rejected; Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Le Grand,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Ridgely, Sp'r.

Heard

Causin

Jacobs

Frazier

Morton

E. A. Lynch

Billingslea

Whiteford