

Mr. E. A. Eynch, chairman of the committee on internal improvement, delivered the following report :

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Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Coade,

Six hundred and sixty-six copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Le Grand,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal of proceedings that John C. Le Grand, a member of the committee on internal improvements, dissents from the report made this day by the chairman of that committee.

On motion of Mr. Forman,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal, that Edwin Forman, from the committee on internal improvement, dissents from the report made by the chairman of said committee, so far as an appropriation to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal is concerned;

Mr. Graves submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, from the geographical position of the seaboard of this State, whereby it is imminently exposed to the attack of a foreign enemy, and difficult, if not impossible to be securely protected by any system of fortification; and whereas, from these considerations, and particularly at the present crisis, it is of high importance that ample security should be afforded to the persons and property of the people of this State by the General Government, which in the opinion of this Legislature can more efficiently be done by Steam Batteries than by any other mode of defence—Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to introduce immediately, a bill, and urgently to press the same to its passage, making provisions for the building of at least two Steam Batteries, for the special protection of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

*Resolved,* That the Governor be requested to send, as soon as may be, a copy of this preamble and its accompanying resolutions, to said Senators and Representatives.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house then proceeded to consider the orders of the day, the first order of the day being a bill, entitled an act to alter and amend the constitution and form of government, so far as to provide for the election of county clerks, and registers of wills, immediately by the people;

The said bill was then read the second time and placed in the hands of the chair;

On motion of Mr. E. A. Lynch,

The house was called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members; who, after a short time had elapsed, returned and reported, that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.