

Mr. Gantt presented the petition of William Pumphrey, praying relief therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Gantt, Dorsey and Estep.

Mr. England obtained leave to bring in a bill for the benefit of Henry Harding, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county;

Ordered, That Messrs. England, Gittings and Gaither report the same.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on internal improvement be directed forthwith to enquire of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, at what price, per ton, they will be willing to contract for the transportation of coal from Cumberland, in Allegany county, to dam No 6, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, after the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road is finished to the town of Cumberland;

Which was twice read.

Mr. Tuck moved to amend said order, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"And also at what rate the said company will contract to transport coal on the rail road from the Point of Rocks to Baltimore;"

Which was read.

Mr. E. A. Lynch moved further to amend said amendment, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"And to enquire further into the sums heretofore expended, and the works already constructed between dam No. 6 and Cumberland, and to ascertain whether a rail road from the city of Washington to Baltimore cannot transport coal between those two cities upon as favorable terms as it can be transported from Cumberland to dam No. 6; and further, to enquire and report what amount of taxation and loss would accrue to the State of Maryland by the postponement of the completion of the line of transportation from dam No. 6 to Cumberland, until the main stem of the rail road shall have been completed to Cumberland, and the additional road connecting with the canal at dam No. 6, shall be constructed; and further to enquire what would be the cost of a rail road, capable of transporting a quantity of coal equal to the capacity of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and if the rail road can transport coal as cheap as the canal; to report to this house whether the present rate of charges on the rail road cannot be reduced to the rates now charged upon the said canal;"

Which was read.

Mr. England moved to lay said order and amendments on the table,

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg of Allegany,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows: