

The House then took up the next order of the day, being the bill entitled, an act concerning the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road.

The question being on striking out the second, third, fourth and fifth sections of said bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the amendments submitted by Mr. Johnson thereto on the 7th inst. ;

Before the question was put,

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

The first section of said bill was reconsidered for amendment.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

The blank in the eighth line of the first section was filled up with the words "not exceeding seventy thousand."

On motion of Mr. Owens of Anne Arundel,

The said section was further amended by striking out in the twelfth line the words "reserved for the State," and inserting the following: "which were directed by said act to be reserved in the Treasury in payment of interest due on the first day of January 1840, by said Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company to the State."

The question then recurred on striking out and inserting the amendments submitted by Mr. Johnson ;

On motion of Mr. Sellman,

Said amendments were amended by adding thereto the following :

"Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the President and Directors of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road as soon as the situation of the company will admit, to have and keep in readiness a sufficient number of cars for the transportation of all produce that may be brought to said road for that purpose; and for the greater convenience of the public, it shall be the duty of the said company to establish such additional depots or switches on said road as may be required by the wants of the community, and the public convenience.

"Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That if any officer or agent, or other person employed by the President and Directors of said company, shall charge or receive any greater sum for the transportation of any article whatsoever, than is allowed by the provisions of the original charter, such agent or other person so engaged, shall be subjected to a fine of twenty dollars for every such offence—one half for the use of the informer, the other half to the State, to be collected as small debts are before a single magistrate.

"Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of giving the whole control of said Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road to the State, four additional directors are hereby authorized to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice of the Senate."

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

The said amendments were further amended by adding thereto the following :