

the question of exclusive power, the true issue in the present monetary and political dissensions in the United States ;

Read and referred to the committee on the Library.

On motion of Mr. Geyer,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Geyer, Spencer and Biser, to bring in a bill supplementary to an act, entitled an act to repair injuries done by fire from rail road engines.

Mr. Biser submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, report to this house at as early a day as possible, what progress has been made during the year 1841, towards the completion of said canal, what amount of State bonds have been sold or hypothecated by said company in the year 1841, to whom sold or hypothecated, and at what price or prices, what disposition has been made of the bonds authorised to be issued by an act passed December session 1840, chapter 30, if said bonds remain unsold, state what efforts have been made to realize the money for the same, what price or prices the company have been offered for them—what amount of State bonds the company hold that are not hypothecated.

Also, to report what the debts and liabilities of the company are ; also, to ascertain from the chief engineer, under oath, what amount of money will yet be required to complete the canal to Cumberland, what has been the amount of toll collected during the last twelve months, what was the amount of the income above expenditures.

What number of officers, agents and engineers were in the employ of said company when the said president took charge of the company, what are the number of officers, agents and engineers that are now in the employ of said company, what extra allowance, if any, has been given or promised to be given to those employed and to whom given.

Read.

Mr. Buskirk moved to lay the same on the table.

On the question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the order ;

On motion of Mr. Lyday,

Said order was amended by inserting therein the following :

And what are the salaries of the different officers.

The question was then put on the order as amended, and adopted.

Mr. Geyer submitted the following message,

Which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.

*By the House of Delegates,*

*January 1st, 1842.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

The Hon. Francis Thomas, having been elected Governor of this State, we propose, with the concurrence of your honorable