

coal trade, and for what charge the said company would be willing to do so for a given length of time, and for what shortest time.

7th. What quantity of coal was taken from Cumberland last year, other than for the use of the company—and whether all that was offered for transportation was carried when presented, or whether there was delay when other tonage was seeking transportation, and what were the rates charged per ton of 2,240 pounds per mile.

8th. What is the highest ascending grade on the Rail Road per mile from West to East, from Cumberland to Dam No. 6.

9th. Why in the recent answer to the House of Delegates, is it stated that upon Rail Roads from the coal mines to Cumberland, worked in connection with the road from Cumberland to Dam No. 6, and with the same machinery it will cost 2 cents per ton per mile on the former, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ton per mile on the latter.

Which was twice read and adopted.

Mr. Hopewell from the select committee, reported a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act for electing commissioners for St. Mary's county, and prescribing their powers and duties, passed at December session 1839, chapter 67;

Which was read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Johnson, chairman of the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill reported by Mr. Calvert, entitled an act to aid in raising a revenue to pay the interest on the State debt, reported the same without amendment.

Which was read.

Mr. Murray moved to amend said bill, by striking out in the second section, second line, the word "five," and inserting in lieu thereof "ten."

Pending this motion;

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the order of the day.

On motion of Mr. Calvert,

The consideration of the order of the day was suspended.

The question then recurred and was put on the motion of Mr. Murray, to strike out "five" and insert "ten;"

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Said bill was amended by striking out in the second section, third line, the word "quarterly," and inserting in lieu thereof "monthly."

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Said bill was further amended, by inserting after the word "over," in the fifth line of third section, the words "to the Treasurer of the Western Shore," and by striking out in the last line of said section the words, "to the Treasurer of the Western Shore."

The said bill having been read through as amended, Mr. Lynch moved the previous question, and being demanded by a majority of the members present;