

probable annual expenses of the same description for the current year, and what will be the probable difference between said expenditures, if the said canal is put in progress of completion, or remains as it is.

And also report, if there can be any prudent curtailment of expenses in the said management in either event, and in what particulars, and to what extent.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following preamble and order :

Whereas, on the 1st day of January last, on motion of Mr. Phelps, the House of Delegates adopted the following order, viz :

“That the committee on Ways and Means, be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the propriety and practicability of so modifying or changing the law of December session 1842, chapter 301, “entitled, an act to sell the State’s interest in the internal improvement companies, and to pay the debts of the State,” so as speedily if possible to effect a sale of the State’s interest in said internal improvement works, and to apply the proceeds of such sale, to the discharge of the State’s liabilities.”

And whereas, the said committee has as yet made no report upon said order, and whereas, it is confidently believed that a vast and imposing majority of the people of this State, are sincerely desirous that all connection between the State and the various works of internal improvement, be at once and forever severed, therefore,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means, be and they are hereby instructed to report to this House a bill, which in their wisdom and discretion, they deem best calculated to effect a sale of the entire interest of Maryland, in each, and every work of internal improvement in this State, and to provide that the proceeds of such sale be applied to the extinguishment of the debt of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Powder submitted the following resolutions :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, it was not intended by the Legislature which passed the laws relating to the taxes on income, to embrace within the provisions of said laws, journeymen mechanics or others, employed by the day or week, and that said laws were designed to apply solely to yearly salaries or incomes.

Resolved, That the proper officers in the several counties, Howard District and the city of Baltimore, be and they are hereby directed to strike from the assessments, all journeymen mechanics and others, who are employed by the day or week.

Which were read the first time,

Mr. Powder moved that the rule be suspended, and said resolutions be read a second time by a special order.

Mr. Calvert moved that said resolutions be referred to the committee on Ways and Means ;

Resolved in the affirmative,

On motion of Mr. Powder,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows: