

Mr. Ligon reported a bill entitled, an act to authorise James Morris, collector of taxes in the 6th collection district, in Howard District of Anne Arundel county, further time to complete his collection;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ghiselin,

The House took up for consideration the bill reported by him from the committee on Colored Population entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled, an act relating to free negroes and slaves.

The doorkeeper having returned, reported, that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members, that their attendance in the House was required.

The House then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Wootten, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvement, entitled, an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, and for other purposes;

The question before the House, being upon filling the blank in the first section with the amendment offered by Mr. Phelps.

Mr. Chapman moved to amend said amendment by adding at the end thereof the following "unless with the consent and approbation of the State's agents;"

After debate thereon, and pending this motion.

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived for taking a recess.

The Speaker then presented the report of the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement, and

Ordered to be printed.

[See Documents Z.]

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The House took a recess until seven o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

FRIDAY, February 23rd, 1844.

The House met.

Mr. Curley from the minority of the committee on Inspections delivered the following

REPORT:

The minority of the committee on Inspections, to which were referred the memorials of John Sullivan and Sons and Birkhead and Pierce, praying to be reimbursed their expenses on account of the storage of a certain amount of tobacco, which could not be