

Leave was granted Messrs. Ligon, Thomas, of Anne Arundel, Warfield, Johnson and Murray, to bring in a bill to provide for the inspection and measurement of lime at Ellicotts' Mills.

Mr. Stephenson submitted the following order :

Which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, That the committee on Education, be directed to report to this House by Tuesday next, the result of their deliberations on the order referred to their consideration, directing an inquiry into the expediency of withdrawing the donations from the colleges and academies and giving the funds to the common schools.

Mr. Powder submitted the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, some of the counties of this State have reduced their assessment in some instances as much as one-fourth, and in others, one-fifth; and whereas, it is just and fair, that the reduction should be equal in all the counties, so that the people of one county may not be compelled to pay a higher rate of taxation than those in others—therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That those counties which have not already reduced their assessment, be and they are hereby authorised to reduce their assessment one fourth of its present amount, so as to put the citizens of all the counties on an equal footing with the people of Prince George's county.

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

The Speaker presented the following communication from the Treasurer of the Susquehanna and Tide Water Canal Company :

*Susquehanna Canal Office,*

*Phila. February 29th 1844.*

GEO. G. BREWER, ESQ., Clerk

*House of Delegates :*

SIR,—Your communication of the 26th inst., containing an order of the House of Delegates, requesting to be furnished with an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Susquehanna and Tide Water Canals for the year 1843, has been received at this office.

In the absence of the President of the company, I have prepared and enclose herewith a copy of the account, which was embraced in a report transmitted to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, in compliance with a previous order and communicated to the House of Delegates on the 6th January last.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. WELSH,

*Treasurer.*