

On motion of Mr. Waters, of Somerset,

Ordered, That he have leave to withdraw from the files of the House of Delegates, the memorial of Thomas Robertson, of Somerset county.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins,

Leave was granted Messrs. Hopkins, Yellott, Stephenson and Polk, to bring in a bill to incorporate the Evening Star Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the Town of Havre de Grace, in Harford county.

Mr. Fitzpatrick submitted the following preamble and order :

Whereas, by repeated contributions to works of internal improvement, the State of Maryland has contracted a large amount of debt, whereby a system of oppressive taxation has become unavoidable ; and whereas, there exists in the minds of a large majority of the public, an undivided expression of opinion—that as long as the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal remains unfinished, there can be no alleviation from this burthensome taxation ; and whereas, this legislature being strongly impressed with the foregoing opinions, are desirous to procure all the information relating to the portion of unfinished work, the resources of the coal regions, and the facilities in transporting the coal to the canal when finished ; and whereas, the most reasonable, certain and conclusive mode of ascertaining the facts would be actual demonstration on the spot—therefore,

Ordered, That this House appoint a select committee of nine members, to proceed forthwith to and on the contemplated unfinished line of said canal, and to the coal regions of Frostburg and Westernport, to make the necessary inquiries and examinations, and report on them to this House, as speedily as possible, and that the committee of internal improvement constitute a part of this committee. and that the said committee are authorised to require the attendance and services of Charles B. Fisk, the Chief Engineer of said Canal Company, during their absence.

Which was twice read and rejected.

Mr. Kilgour submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, pay over to the commissioners of Montgomery county, or to their order, the sum of fourteen hundred and eighty-five dollars and twenty-four cents, it being a portion of the free school fund to which the said county is entitled, and which has been withheld under the provisions of the act of 1834, ch. 197 ;

Which was read the first time.

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

Mr. Kilgour then moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of giving said resolution a second reading by special order ;

Determined in the negative.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day.