

the passage of an act authorising and requiring the commissioners of Harford county, to erect a bridge over Winters' run at Davis' Ford in said county ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Yellott, Hopkins, Polk and Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson submitted the following preamble and order :

Whereas, the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Company was required by its charter, passed in 1815, chapter 48, to make twenty miles of its road before the year 1831, and in the year 1826, chapter 74, the time for completing the road was extended for fifteen years, which has nearly elapsed, and the company has made no effort to complete its road for many years, although during that time, it has divided large profits among its present stockholders, and with a view to ascertain why the completion of the road has been delayed.

It is ordered that a committee of five be appointed, to make the following inquiries of said company :

1st. Who were the original stockholders, and what amount of stock was paid in ?

2nd. Who are the present stockholders, and when did they respectively become entitled to the stock ?

3rd. What has been the market value of the stock for the last fifteen years, taking the price on the first day of January in each year ?

4th. What amount of dividends has been paid to the stockholders during the last ten years ?

5th. How many miles of road, (if any,) has been made and completed within the last fifteen years ?

And that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and report to this House the result of their inquiries.

Which was twice read and adopted.

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Stephenson, Hopkins, Polk, Temples and Yellott the committee.

On motion of Mr. Calvert,

Ordered, That a select committee be appointed to report to this House, whether the Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland Steam Navigation Company, and the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company have not forfeited their charters.

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Calvert, Levering, Boteler, Potter, Bowdle, Lynch and Shriver, the committee.

On motion of Mr. Welsh,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal of the House, that Mr. Poultney is detained from his seat, in consequence of indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,