

chives of the government, which act was vetoed by the President of the United States, because of some disagreement between that high functionary and Congress, with regard to the principle upon which the interest on said claim should be adjusted; and whereas, the State of Maryland, is largely involved in debt, and unable to fulfil her engagements with her creditors, and prosecute to completion her principal work of internal improvement, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, (in which she has a present investment of nearly nine millions of dollars, totally unproductive,) without bringing into immediate and energetic employment, all her available resources—Therefore,

Resolved, That Benjamin C. Howard and John S. Skinner, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed agents, on the part of this State, to liquidate and settle the said claim with the government of the United States, on such just and equitable terms as may be practicable, and as a means of enabling them speedily to accomplish this important object—Be it further

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be, and they are hereby requested to afford to the said agents every possible aid in their power.

Resolved, That as soon as the said claim is settled, and the Government of the United States is prepared to pay the money, it shall be the duty of the said agents to require that it be paid over to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, who shall hold it in trust to be applied to the payment of the interest on such sum or sums of money, as may under the authority of the State, be hereafter borrowed to complete the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland; provided, the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, shall by an order of their Stockholders in general meeting assembled, first execute a mortgage to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, conditioned for the payment into the Treasury for the use of the State, out of the first profits of the Canal after it shall have reached Cumberland, an amount equal to the sum or sums, and the interest thereon, which shall have been applied by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, out of the trust fund hereinbefore created, to the payment of the interest on the amount borrowed to complete the Canal to Cumberland.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be, and he is hereby requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to each of the agents hereinbefore appointed; and also, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, who will make such use of them as they in their judgments may deem most advisable.

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

Mr. Calvert reported a bill entitled, an act for the relief of A. H. C. Heiskell, of Prince George's county;

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

On motion of Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil,

Leave was granted the committee on Colored Population, to bring in a bill to amend the 9th section of the Act of Assembly of