

lic good, and the interest of commerce in particular, requires that an early appropriation should be made by Congress, for the improvement of said harbor, as recommended in the report of said engineer, and that our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to use their efforts to obtain a sufficient appropriation for that purpose.

Resolved, That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress, of this State and also, to the Governors of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, with the request that they will lay the same before their respective legislatures, and urge their co-operation with this State, to effect the proposed national improvement;

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, "assented to," and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Archer submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That justice to the creditors of the State as well as to the people of Maryland who are suffering under the weight of onerous taxation, demands that all monies due to the State should be promptly collected, and applied to the payment of the State debts.

That whereas the debts for the payment of which the people are now taxed were incurred for the benefit of rail road and canal companies, whose default in complying with their engagements to the State has rendered the resort to direct taxation necessary; it is just and proper as well as expedient that the liens upon the property of those companies, held by the State should be foreclosed and that payments should be enforced from the delinquent principal debtors to the relief of the surety.

Resolved therefore, That the Attorney General of this State with such counsel as the Governor may think proper to associate with him, institute such proceedings at law or in equity, as to them may seem proper to enforce the liens of this State on the property, estate and effects of the Tide Water and Susquehanna Canal Companies, the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail road company, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company or either of them, and to foreclose the several mortgages given by said companies to this State.

Resolved further, That the only practicable mode of disposing of the State's liens upon and interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal for the fair market value as to foreclose the liens thereon and if the State shall be forced to become the purchaser for want of other bidders, to create a new stock thereof, (limited to the amount of the liens of the State) with suitable corporate powers, and sell the same in shares not exceeding \$100 each, payable in State bonds.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Hollyday, of Kent, reported a bill entitled, an act to au-