

The said resolution was then sent to the senate.

Mr. Johnson, of Frederick, presented the proceedings of a meeting of the voters of Liberty district, in Frederick county, held on Saturday the 14th December;

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Frederick, then submitted the following order :

Ordered, That so much of the proceedings and resolutions of the meeting of the voters of Liberty district in Frederick county, as relates to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, be referred to the select committee on that subject ; so much as relates to the Retrenchment of State Expenditures, be referred to the standing committee on Retrenchment ; so much as relates to the reduction of the number of Delegates, to a select committee of one from each county and the city of Baltimore ; and the passage of a law relative to the primary schools of Frederick county, be referred to the delegation from that county ; and that the rest of resolutions not referred as aforesaid, be laid on the table with the following resolutions, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next ;

Which was twice read and adopted.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Messrs. Poole, Hopewell Tilden, Stewart, Hance, Freeman, Randall, Harrington, Williams, of Somerset, Muse, Bouchell, Ghiseln, Ford, of Queen Anne's, Fooks, Yellott, Jump, Graves, Motter, Waters, Hammill and Ebaugh, the select committee, in relation to the reduction of the number of Delegates.

Mr. Johnson, of Frederick, submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, by the adoption of the Constitution of the United States the respective States surrendered to the General Government the power to levy import duties and to regulate commerce; and whereas, the States surrendered to the General Government the public lands as a trust property, to be disposed of for the benefit of all the States; and whereas, in 1790, the General Government assumed the debts of the States, and pledged all the proceeds of the sales of the public lands to the payment thereof, which debt has long since been discharged; and whereas, the revenues of the General Government are more than necessary to a wise and economical system of national expenditure; and whereas, the States have incurred heavy indebtedness for works of internal improvement, in some cases by the advice and encouragement of the General Government, which now serve to bind together the whole, and to make the Union enduring; and whereas, the great indebtedness of many of the States renders a resort to direct taxation to pay the interest, at once onerous and oppressive to the people, and will be burthensome in the extreme to discharge the principal soon to be due. Therefore,

Resolved, as the sense of the General Assembly of Maryland, That, the General Government should pledge its faith for the relief of the States, by the issuing of \$200,000,000 of the Government Stock, to be apportioned among the States upon an equitable ba-