

The said resolution was then read the first and by a special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Graves submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the instruments deposited in the office of the Register of the Land Office by the commissioners appointed to settle up the affairs of the late Eastern Shore rail road company, be sold under the direction of the register, and the proceeds of such sale are hereby directed to be paid into the Treasury;

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:

Whereas, the canal to connect the coal mines of the Alleghanies with Tide Water, as originally designed, was a work within the means and power of Maryland to accomplish, upon a scale adequate to the wants and wishes of her citizens, without materially impairing her credit and resources; and whereas, at the instance and request of the General Government, she was induced to enlarge the original project much beyond what her own interests required or her own limited resources would justify, with a view to adopt it to the wants of the General Government as a great national highway. And the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal was in fact undertaken by the State of Maryland, in connection with Virginia and the General Government, not as a State work, but as a National highway, upon the plan designated by the United States Engineers upon the plighted faith of the General Government, and to contribute her just proportion towards its completion, which cannot justly be estimated at less than one-half of the entire cost from the District of Columbia to Cumberland.

And whereas, the State of Maryland in the prosecution of said work, which is not yet completed, has exhausted all her resources and has incurred a heavy and oppressive debt in the reasonable expectation, that the General Government would eventually act with honor and good faith, and contribute to relieve her from the burden of indebtedness thus created for National purposes—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this State is entitled to be reimbursed for all she has advanced for the construction of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, beyond one-half of the joint expenditure; and upon receiving such reimbursement the Treasurer of Maryland, be and he is hereby authorised to transfer to the United States so much of the stock in said canal now held by this State, as will place Maryland and the United States upon a perfect equality in point of interest in said Canal: and that upon receiving such reimbursement the State of Maryland pledges herself to contribute equally with the United States to the completion of said canal to the coal mines of the Alleghany region.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Governor to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and that they be requested to use their efforts to procure such action on