

for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal should prove objectionable to capitalists in any of its details, the Legislature may obtain definite information in reference to the views of capitalists with regard to the provisions of a law for that purpose, if it be the pleasure of your honorable body to authorise the necessary investigations to be made.

All which is respectfully submitted by

Your obedient servant,

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To represent the State in Joint Stock companies.

Which was read and ordered to lie on table.

On motion of Mr. Springer,

The House took up for consideration the bill entitled, a supplement to the act passed December session 1836, chapter 285, entitled, an act to regulate the charges for the use of hackney carriages in the city of Baltimore;

Which was read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Archer moved to suspend the rules to take up the bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to renew the charter of the Havre de Grace bank, passed at December session 1843, chapter 212;

Determined in the negative.

The House took up the bill reported by Mr. Potter entitled, an act to prevent illegal voting;

Mr. Tall moved to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

"That from and after the passage of this act, no naturalized citizen shall be entitled to vote in any of the counties of this State, or the city of Baltimore, unless he shall have been a resident of the State for twelve months, and of the county or city in which he offers to vote for six months next before the time when he may so offer to vote, and after he shall have been so naturalized, and any one who may so offer to vote without being qualified in the manner prescribed by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the county court of the county in which he may so offer to vote, or in the city court of Baltimore, shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and to imprisonment in the county jail for not less than one month nor more than two years.

"Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That any person who may hereafter vote at any election in this State without possessing the qualifications of age and of residence as now required by the laws of this State, shall upon conviction thereof in the county court of the county where he may so vote or in the city court of Baltimore, be subject to the same punishment prescribed in the first section of this act;"

Which was read and concurred in.