

On motion by Mr. Ridout, the following resolution was read and ordered to have a second reading on Friday next.

Whereas the 37th article of the constitution of Maryland ordains, that no senator, delegate of the assembly, or member of the council, if he shall qualify as such, shall hold or execute any office of profit, during the time for which he shall be elected; and the station of the governor is considered by this general assembly an office of profit within the meaning of the constitution, therefore, Resolved, That no senator, delegate of the assembly, or member of the council, after having qualified as such is, in the opinion of this general assembly, eligible as governor until after the expiration of the term for which he was elected as senator, delegate, or member of the council.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Thursday, December 29, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker announced the following standing committees:

Committee of Ways and Means—Messrs. Maxcy, Kennedy, Worthington, Howard, Goldsborough, Teackle and Williams.

Committee of Claims—Messrs. Estep, Edelen, Stevens, Dalrymple, Saulsbury, Barnes and Douglass.

Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice—Messrs. Merrick, Tyson, Speed, Ridout, McCulloh, Perry and Ridgaway.

Committee of Elections and Privileges—Messrs. Gantt, Garner, Lee, Kershner, Boone, Lansdale and Benj. I. Jones.

Committee on Special Acts of Insolvency—Messrs. Chapman, Eccleston, Brooke, Montgomery, Hooper, Gough and Mitchell.

Committee on the Militia—Messrs. Duvall, Beall, Cockey, Beckett, Hall, Sudler and Gilpin.

Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims—Messrs. Potter, Rogerson, Farquhar, Hughes, Wickes, Hawkins and Armstrong.

Committee on Divorces—Messrs. Millard, Banning, Spencer, Harlan, Sappington, Hopper and Thomas.

On motion by Mr. Lee, the following resolutions were read:

Whereas internal communications by means of roads and canals, are objects of primary importance to the prosperity of the state, by affording the best channels of transportation for the productions of its soil and its manufactures; stimulating its inhabitants to enterprise; concentrating its resources, and adding to the ties of good fellowship, the advantages of wealth and condensed population. And whereas the state of Maryland, viewing the city of Baltimore as the emporium of its commerce, must be immediately benefitted by encouraging her growth and prosperity; therefore, Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates, That the governor and council are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint, forthwith, three discreet and intelligent commissioners, whose duty it shall be to employ some competent civil engineer, and such other assistants as may within their judgment be deemed necessary, and to survey and locate a route for a lateral canal from the city of Baltimore to intersect the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, at the nearest and most eligible point within the state of Maryland, if such route be practicable; and in the event that, in their opinion, such route be deemed impracticable, that it shall be the duty of said commissioners to survey and locate a route for a lateral canal from the city of Baltimore,