

ry important articles of fuel, grain and other articles at advanced prices, to the manifest advantage of that section of the country, and to the great encouragement of the coasting tonnage, if vessels capable of withstanding a sea voyage could be made to enter them; and whereas, the inducements to the coasting tonnage to resort there for these amongst other objects, will by the completion of the Rail-road from Baltimore and Philadelphia, to some eligible point or points on the waters of the Sound, be greatly increased, as they will farther, should the proposed connection be formed between the Pocomoke and Annamesic rivers; and whereas the removal of obstructions from these rivers, and thereby promoting industry and commerce, and increasing the active tonnage of this State, and of the commercial cities of the Union, is an object of general concern, and as it is desirable to ascertain the extent and character of such obstructions, and the practicability and cost of such improvements, with a view to their removal, and as all such examinations and enquiries are especially appertaining to the functions of the General Government of the United States—Therefore

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby requested to cause to be made by the General Government of the United States, as speedily as practicable, a survey of the navigable rivers immediately above Watkins' point, and of so much of Tangier Sound as has an immediate connexion with the navigation of said rivers, for the purpose of ascertaining the depth of water, the improvements which may be made for the benefit of commerce and the probable cost of such improvements.

Resolved, that his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to transmit copies of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Which were read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Crisfield submitted the following resolution;

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State Librarian be, and hereby is authorised to subscribe for two hundred copies of Bland's Chancery Reports, provided the same shall not cost more than five dollars per volume; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay for the same, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury,

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to the act to