

ing unnecessary curves, where they occur upon the present location thereof."

Determined in the negative.

The said bill was then read the second time and passed.

The door-keeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the message submitted by Mr. Eccleston, in relation to the appointment of a joint committee to make a searching and thorough investigation into the concerns and management of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.

Mr. Ely moved to amend said message, by striking out these words, 'in detail to the next General Assembly We propose that this investigation shall be made in the course of the next six months after the rising of the General Assembly,'—and inserting in lieu thereof the words, 'to this house.'

Mr. Worthington called for a division of the question, which was put, on striking out, and

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Eccleston then offered as a substitute for said message the following—

Ordered, That the committee on internal improvement be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a board of public works, the members whereof shall be elected by joint ballot of the General Assembly, and shall represent the State's interest as a stockholder in all companies incorporated for purposes of internal improvement, and who shall also be required to examine into the various works of internal improvements in which the State is interested, as aforesaid, and to make annual reports of their condition, and that the said committee report by bill or otherwise;

Which was twice read.

Mr. Ford moved to lay the substitute and message on the table;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred, and was put, on the adoption of the substitute,

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, will the house adopt said order?

Resolved in the affirmative.