

yearly payments shall cease after the first five years, and the balance of said thirty thousand dollars shall be paid on the completion and delivery of said work.

And be it further resolved, that the person so appointed, shall annually report to the Governor and Council the progress and condition of said work, to be communicated to the Legislature.

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

Mr. Crisfield, submitted the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, great obstructions to navigation exist at or near the mouth of Pocomoke River, by reason of an extended shoal, while all above said shoal, there is bold water; and whereas like obstructions, but of a less magnitude exist in Monokin River, and it would be of immense advantage to the commerce of those rivers, and to the inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester counties, to have those obstructions removed; and whereas by an act of the General Assembly, passed at December session, 1834, chapter 241, section 9th the sum of two hundred thousand dollars was pledged to the construction of a canal connecting Pocomoke and Annessex rivers, whenever the practicability of the improvement was ascertained; and whereas it is supposed that the obstructions in the Pocomoke may be so improved at a much less cost than would be required for the said canal, and whereas the improvement of the navigation of Monokin river is of equal importance to that portion of the people of Maryland, and whereas it is proper that an examination of said obstructions should be made by a competent Engineer;—therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor and Council be and they are hereby directed to cause an examination of the said obstructions to be made as soon as possible by a competent Engineer, the cost of which examination shall be paid out of the said sum of two hundred thousand dollars, provided the same shall exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

And be it further resolved, That if in the said examination, it shall appear that navigation of Pocomoke and Manokin rivers can be permanently improved at a cost not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, the Governor and Council shall then and in that case appoint five commissioners under whose direction by the advice of a competent Engineer, the said improvement shall be made,