

Which were read the first, and by special order the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Whereas, by the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by the State of Virginia, confirmed by the government of the United States and the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland, it manifestly appears from the preamble to said act, that the ultimate object of all parties, was the construction of a navigable canal from the tide-water of the Potomac river, to some point on the navigable waters of the Ohio river; and whereas, the State of Maryland has appropriated to the construction of said canal, the sum of five millions, six hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of the stock held by the State in the Potomac Company; the State of Virginia has, exclusive of her interest in the Potomac Company, appropriated the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars,—of which, she requires that not exceeding eighty thousand dollars shall be applied exclusively for the purpose of affording to her own citizens, by the construction of lift-locks, &c. facilities of access to the canal, leaving only the sum of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars, applicable to the extension of the work towards the Ohio river. No appropriation has yet been made by the State of Pennsylvania. The government of the United States has appropriated one million of dollars, but a sum believed to be not less than five hundred thousand dollars, has been expended within the limits of the District of Columbia, and it appears reasonable that the government of the United States should either contribute from her vast resources, to the prosecution and completion of the said work or transfer to the State of Maryland, her interest in the stock of the company, in consideration of the large amount contributed by the State, to effect an object always deemed national in its character—therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to endeavor to procure from the government of the United States, further aid towards the construction and completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, or a transfer to the State of Maryland, of the interest held by the United States, in the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Mr. Jones from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Alexander McComas of Harford county, reported that the committee were of opinion it ought to pass with the following amendment,

Which was read and assented to:

In the 4th line, after the word "court" where it occurs the second time, insert the words "as bailiff."

The bill was then read the second and by special order the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Jones from the committee to which was referred the bill enti-