

18th October, 1834, at 1 o'clock, P. M. in pursuance of public notice, to consider what measures should be adopted to hasten the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal—the Court being in session, Chief Justice *John Buchanan* presiding, and *Judges Abraham Shriver* and *Thomas Buchanan* assisting, politely adjourned to afford their fellow-citizens the use of the House, and a favorable opportunity of expressing their opinions and wishes, on a subject so important to Maryland and her sister States. Previous to the adjournment of the Court, Chief Justice *Buchanan* made some very eloquent and appropriate remarks commendatory of the objects of the meeting, which was then organized by calling WILLIAM McMAHON, Esq. to preside over it, assisted by DAVID SHRIVER and WM. RIDGELY, Esqs. and appointing THOS. J. McKAIG and JAMES SMITH, to act as Secretaries.

The objects of the assemblage were then stated at large, by B. S. PIGMAN, Esq. and the appointment of a Committee proposed, to prepare and submit a Preamble and Resolutions expressive of the sense and wishes of this meeting, upon the important subjects under consideration—

Whereupon the following persons, to wit: *B. S. Pigman, Richard Beall, S. P. Smith, Joseph Shriver* and *William Matthews*, were appointed said Committee; and accordingly reported the following Preamble and Resolutions, which, after several spirited and eloquent addresses, evidencing the deep and momentous interest felt by the citizens of this and the neighbouring counties, in the early completion of this great national work, were severally considered and adopted with unanimity:

WHEREAS, it appears to this meeting, that the Governments of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the United States of America, considering the *Chesapeake and Ohio Canal* a work of National importance, as well with reference to the Agriculture, Manufactures and Commerce of these States, as the preservation of the Union in which we happily live, wisely accorded the wishes of very many of the most enlightened and patriotic citizens of the Nation, by granting a Charter to the Company incorporated to execute that work, and furnishing capital to be expended thereon;—And whereas, it also appears, that this Canal has been successfully and well constructed by that Company, from tide water, along the left bank of the Potomac, 108 miles,