

Your committee, desirous therefore to furnish every aid to the completion of this desirable work, respectfully beg leave to suggest to your consideration, the accompanying bill. All of which is respectfully submitted. By order, J. H. CARROLL, Clk.

And a bill entitled, An act for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehannah; which were read.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from Henry Spalding, a revolutionary soldier; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Woodward reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Margaret Duvall of Anne Arundel county; and a bill entitled, An act to authorize the levy court of Anne Arundel county, to levy a sum of money for the purpose of enclosing the court house of said county, and for other purposes, which was read.

The supplement to an act entitled, An act to authorize the levy court of Baltimore county, to levy a sum of money for completing the bridge over the Great Falls of Gunpowder at Meredith's Ford in said county; and the bill to repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Baltimore county into seven separate election districts and for other purposes, were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the following resolutions were read

WHEREAS, It appears to this house, that the immediate interest of the city of Baltimore would be greatly promoted by the removal of the obstructions to the boat navigation in the Susquehannah river; that the inhabitants of the counties bordering on the Chesapeake bay would be benefited by the competition naturally resulting from the rivalry of two large commercial cities, if the canal commencing on Elk river, (an arm of the Chesapeake,) and terminating on Christianna creek, (emptying into the Delaware,) was finished; that the intercourse between Baltimore and the Western country would be increased, if the turnpike from Boonsborough to Hager's Town was completed; that the further improvement of the navigation of the river Potomac would add to the prosperity of the inhabitants of those counties lying on its waters, and render that portion of the capital of the state which has already been appropriated to that object, (and which is now unproductive) a source of revenue to this state: Therefore,

RESOLVED, That it is expedient to provide the ways and means to effectuate the above improvements by laying the following taxes, to wit:

A tax on all pleasure carriages.

A tax on seals affixed to all appointments hereafter to be made by the executive of this state, (excepting justices of the peace.

A tax on all appointments hereafter to be made of clerks of the county courts, of Baltimore city court, of the courts of appeals, and of registers of wills.

A tax on sales at public auction of foreign merchandize.

A stamp duty on all negotiable paper.

The proceeds of the tax on stamp paper arising from Baltimore county, one moiety of the taxes on pleasure carriages, and one half of the duty on sales at auction, to be exclusively applied to the improvement of the boat navigation of the Susquehannah

Half of the duties on sales at public auction, and the taxes on pleasure carriages and on negotiable paper collected on the Eastern Shore, to be applied to the opening of the Delaware cross cut.

The revenue from stamps and carriages collected on the Western Shore, other than Baltimore county, to be applied to the completion of the turnpike and the improvements of the Potomac.

The proceeds of the taxes on negotiable paper and on pleasure carriages collected in Montgomery, Frederick, Washington and Allegany, and half of the taxes collected on pleasure carriages in Baltimore county, to be applied in the first instance to the completion of the turnpike, Provided the inhabitants of Washington county subscribe for shares at dollars per share in the said turnpike.

And the money arising from taxes on appointments, to be equally appropriated to the improvements of the Susquehannah, the Potomac and the finishing of the canal.

Which was read.

By order,

GEO. A. SMITH, Clk.

Mr. Forwood reports a bill entitled a further supplement to an act entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Edelen presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, praying that the road law of last session may be repealed; read and referred to Messrs. Edelen, Jenifer and Garner.

Mr. Griffith presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for a public landing at Staplefort's creek; read and referred to Messrs. Griffith, Frazier and Travers.

Mr. Edelen reports a bill entitled, An act to make valid a deed therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Kennedy presents a petition from Moses Sheppard of the city of Baltimore, praying he may have power to direct all vessels not loaded with tobacco, when necessary, to withdraw from the wharf in front of his inspection warehouse; read and referred to Messrs. Kennedy, Barney and Bowles.

The bill for the relief of Thomas Henry and wife of Montgomery county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of Peter Urick of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. B. S. Forrest, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to abolish imprisonment for debt in this state. Ordered that Messrs. B. S. Forrest, Bruce, Dorsey, Kennedy and Pigman report the same.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, Ordered, That the sheriff of Baltimore county, be instructed to report to this house the number of persons now confined for debt, the time when committed, and the