

The speaker appointed Messrs. John P. Kennedy, Purviance, Johnson, H. Kemp, Lee, Greenwell and Norris to be said committee.

On motion by Mr. Steele, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Graham, of Dorchester county. Ordered, That Messrs. Steele, Wright and Byus, report the same.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of the afflicted child of William Mittingly, was read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to prevent hogs from going at large in the village of the Head of Passafra, in Kent county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Millard reports the bill to authorise the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, as amended; which was read.

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, the following resolutions were read

*Whereas*, the prosecution of an efficient system of internal improvement throughout the United States, is calculated, in a very large degree, to strengthen the bonds of union between the several states, and to add to the prosperity and happiness of our confederation. And whereas, the most cogent inducements now exist, to the adoption of that policy which dictates the improvement of the present time of peace in the cultivation of these sources of national wealth. And the general government having of late expressed an earnest solicitude upon this subject, and evinced a very commendable desire to promote the great object connected with it, a solicitude in every respect entitled to the serious consideration of the nation, and peculiarly interesting to the state of Maryland, and her sister states adjacent; but doubts having been expressed, on the part of the federal executive, of the constitutional right of congress to interfere with the sovereignty of the states in the execution of plans connected with the extension of this policy. And whereas, it is the desire of the state of Maryland to make every effort at her disposal to facilitate the views of the great legislature of our republic, and heartily to co-operate in every well digested scheme for the accomplishment of the objects proposed; and it being believed that the states of Virginia and Pennsylvania, possessing an equal interest in the adoption of this policy with Maryland, would not be backward to contribute their aid in its support—Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the state of Maryland do surrender to the congress of the United States, the right of using the waters of the Susquehanna and Potomac rivers, and the tributary streams thereof, for the purpose of making any canal or canals designed to connect the said waters with the waters of the Ohio, or any other river emptying into the same, as also for the purpose of connecting the said waters with any streams or rivers communicating with the northern or western busses.

Further Resolved, That the state of Maryland do also surrender to the congress of the United States, the right of using any part of the soil or territory of this state which may be necessary for the accomplishment of the aforesaid objects: Provided, that in all cases where either the waters or the soil so to be used shall belong to citizens of this state, before the same shall be taken or used for the purpose herein mentioned, congress shall make reasonable and adequate compensation to the owners thereof for so much as may be so taken or used.

Further Resolved, That the state of Maryland do also surrender to the congress of the United States the right of exacting and taking such necessary tolls from any canal, road, or railway, made within the territory of this state in pursuance of this surrender, as may be requisite for maintaining the same in a state of proper repair.

Further Resolved, that the state of Maryland do also surrender to the congress of the United States, the right of using the soil or territory of this state for the purpose of making or preserving any turnpike road designed to connect with any canal or canals made in pursuance of the right here surrendered, or hereafter to be surrendered, with the right also of taking such tolls as may be necessary to keep the same in good repair; Provided that in all cases where the soil belonging to citizens of this state shall be taken or used for the purposes aforesaid, congress shall make adequate compensation for the same; Provided also, That these resolutions, or any act made in conformity with them, shall not take effect until the legislatures of Pennsylvania and Virginia shall pass acts or resolutions of the same import; And provided that the surrender so to be made shall not be construed to give to the congress of the United States any other controul over the said waters or territory than shall be necessary for the accomplishment of the objects herein set forth.

Further resolved, That copies of these resolutions, and any act which may be made in pursuance of them, be transmitted by the executive of this state to the congress of the U. States, addressed to the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives; and that the executive of this state likewise transmit copies of the same to the respective executives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, with a request that they be submitted to the consideration of their legislatures now in session, at the same time soliciting of the said states the passage of corresponding acts or resolutions.

On motion by Mr. Greenwell, the following message was read, assented to, and with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE DELEGATES, Jan. 7, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We return you the bill for the benefit of Thomas Ruby of Allegany county, and hope upon reconsideration you will pass the same.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Estep delivers the following report:

The committee of claims to whom was referred the order of the house respecting the printing of the journal, beg leave to report, that they have had the subject under their consideration, and have concluded on submitting to the house the following Order, to wit:

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