

and council of this state be, and they are hereby authorised and required to appoint three commissioners on the part of this state, to meet such commissioners as may be appointed for the same purpose by the state of Virginia, to settle and adjust, by mutual compact, between the two governments, the southern and western limits of this state, and the dividing lines and boundaries between this state and the state of Virginia; and also to settle and adjust as aforesaid any claim of this state or of the state of Virginia to territory within the limits of the other; and the said commissioners are required to report their proceedings, in virtue of this appointment and authority, to the general assembly of this state, at their next session after the same shall have been concluded, for confirmation or rejection; which, if ratified, by the legislature of this state and the state of Virginia, shall be final and conclusive; and for the purpose of obtaining the mediation and assistance of the United States to facilitate the settlement of this long standing cause of difference; the President of the United States shall be, and hereby is, most respectfully requested, to detach from the corps of engineers of the United States, such officers of high rank and known ability and skill, as he may think proper, to be, with the consent of the state of Virginia, associated with the said commissioners in adjusting the said confines; and who may be directed to survey and lay down as well the south as the north branch of the Potomac river, for the purpose of ascertaining the true location of the said line between the two states; and also the cheapest and best route for a canal from the tide of the Potomac to the navigable waters of the Ohio river; and that the said engineers may also be directed to submit to the General Assembly of Maryland a full report of all their proceedings, together with their opinion as to the true location of the said boundary, as well as the most practicable route for, and the cost of the proposed national canal, so far as it may be laid down along the said line or within this state; and also for the whole extent.

*Resolved*, That in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of any of the said commissioners, the governor and council may, and they are hereby authorised and required, to supply any vacancy or vacancies so happening by the appointment of other persons to perform the duties aforesaid; and the governor and council are hereby authorised to make such compensation to the said commissioners as they shall deem reasonable; and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby required to pay the same out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

*Resolved*, That a copy hereof be transmitted by the governor of this state to the President of the United States; and also, that a copy be transmitted by the governor of this state to the governor of the state of Virginia, in order to its being laid before the legislature of that state; and at the same time to communicate the wish of this general assembly, that a similar resolution may be passed by the general assembly of Virginia, with a clause specifying the time and place where and when the commissioners appointed on the part of that state, and the engineers who may be appointed by the President of the United States, shall meet the commissioners appointed on the part of this state.

*Resolved*, That the governor of this state do also transmit a copy hereof to each one of the senators and representatives in congress from this state, and also to each one of the senators and representatives in congress from the states of Pennsylvania and Virginia, who are hereby respectfully invited to use their best exertions and influence, so far as the same may be proper and within their power, to have the surveys of the before mentioned canal routes accurately made, and the cost of making those proposed canals perspicuously and truly estimated; since they seem to be, in a great degree, and in many respects the common concern of all.

Mr. Moffet delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Philemon B. Hopper, of Queen Ann's county, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted.—That, whereas the State of Maryland holds a claim against Thomas Wright, Henry Darden, Thomas Wright, administrators of Clayton Wright, deceased, and Robert Wright, of Queen Ann's county, as securities of Samuel T. Wright, former Clerk of said county—and, whereas the State from time to time have granted indulgence to the said parties, until Henry Darden, one of the parties above named, has departed this life; and whereas the creditors of said Darden may be much injured by a delay of the settlement of the estate of Henry Darden, which delay must take place unless the Legislature will agree to release the estate of Henry Darden so that Philimon B. Hopper, executor of said Darden, deceased, may proceed to settle the said estate, that the creditors of the said estate may not suffer damage in consequence of the indulgence of the State heretofore given—they would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—*Resolved*, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Wright, Robt. Wright, Thomas Wright, administrator of Clayton Wright, and the estate of Henry Darden, deceased, is severally released from any liability on the State's claim against them as securities to Samuel T. Wright, former Clerk of Queen Ann's county, upon their severally complying with the conditions of a Resolution passed at December Session, 1822—That is to say, when Thomas Wright shall pay into the Treasury the one-fourth part of said debt, interest and costs, and one other fourth part as administrator of Clayton Wright; and Robert Wright when he shall pay into the Treasury one-fourth part of said debt, interest and costs, and the estate of Henry Darden, deceased; when Philimon B. Hopper, executor of said Darden, deceased, shall pay into the Treasury the one-fourth part of the said debt, interest and costs, according to the condition of said Resolutions passed December Session, 1822, and not otherwise.

By order,

JOHN DOUGLAS, Clk.

Mr. W. Duvall presents a petition from James Orme, of Montgomery county, relative to a public road; referred to Messrs W. Duvall, Williams and Kilgour.