

# REPORT

OF THE

## JOINT COMMITTEE

RELATIVE TO THE OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE RIVER SUSQUEHANNA.



Mr. Heath, from the joint committee to which were referred the memorials of sundry citizens of this state, relative to obstructions in the river Susquehanna, submitted the following report; which was read and ordered to be printed.

The joint committee to which were referred the memorials of sundry citizens of this state, relating to certain artificial obstructions in the river Susquehanna—begs leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions upon the subject, and respectfully recommend their adoption.

Whereas it has been represented to this General Assembly, by the memorial of divers citizens of this state, interested in the navigation of the River Susquehanna, that the State of Pennsylvania has caused to be erected in and across the bed of said River, certain dams, which greatly increase the peril, and impede the navigation thereof, and in consequence of said dams, the descending trade of said River has been greatly diminished, and must eventually be lost to the citizens of this State: And whereas in support of the representations so made, it appears by a printed copy of the annual report of the Canal Commissioners of the State of Pennsylvania, made to the legislature of the said State, and other evidence, that three dams have been erected across the said River, one at a place called Duncan's Island, another at a place called the Shamokin, and the third at or near a place called Nanticoke, which dams are not less than eight feet above the natural bed of the River, and constructed of timber and masses