

proposition to reserve the right 'to enact, exact and impose upon it every condition, restriction, or tax which the legislature might enact, exact or impose upon any one or more of the existing banks in the city of Baltimore, in the event of renewing or extending the privileges of any one or more of said banks, after the year 1845.

And it was under the influence of reasons suggested by these circumstances and recollections, that I quietly determined, as I have above stated, simply to fulfil the promise which I had made Mr. Pratt, as chairman of the committee on internal improvements of the House of Delegates, in the month of January, 1835, as I did, by framing and handing to him a bill, entitled, an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal to Cumberland—see No. 77 of printed bills, House file or volume of 1834—and another bill, entitled, an 'an act to provide for the completion of the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road to York,' the *first* of which bills he reported to the House, as chairman of the committee on internal improvements, without any material alteration, on the 23d day of February, 1835, accompanied by a report that was prepared, as I was informed at the time, by Geo. C. Washington, in whose handwriting I saw it before the same was copied for and presented, as it was by Mr. Pratt, chairman of the committee on internal improvements, to the House of Delegates, for which bill and report see house Journal, 1834, folio 331, Md. Pub. Doc., and also printed bills for 1834, and the *second* of which bills he reported on the 27th day of February, 1835, from said committee, in like manner, and accompanied by a report that I suppose was prepared by himself,—see House Journal, folio 366, and Md. Pub. Doc. 1834, and the manuscript files of the House of Delegates, as this bill not having been printed before it was referred to the committee on ways and means by whom it was merged in their 'Union Bill,' never was printed.

I have before stated that the memorial which I framed on behalf of the Convention, praying aid for the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, bearing date the 13th day of February, 1835, was presented early the next day by Mr. Wm. McMahon to the House of Delegates, the very day on which, but at a later hour, the question was taken on the passage of the act to incorporate the Merchant's Bank of Baltimore, when Mr. Pratt voted against this bill, and thus gave additional weight to the reasons that had determined me as above mentioned, simply to comply with the promise I had made to him, by merely preparing the aforesaid bills, and then setting forth in the memorial of said Convention the claims of said company, its works, and others of kindred character, to the patronage of the State.