

REPORT.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
April 5th, 1841.

Read and referred to the committee on internal improvements.

ANNAPOLIS, April 6th, 1841.

To E. A. LYNCH, Esq.,

Chairman Committee on Internal Improvement.

SIR:—On the day before yesterday I was informed in Frederick, that the commissioners appointed to represent the State in the Joint Stock Companies had forwarded to Annapolis, to be laid before the House of Delegates, a report of their late proceedings under a resolution of the Treasurer requiring them to examine into the condition of the affairs of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. Apprehending that this report might contain something calculated to do me injustice, I came yesterday to Annapolis and this morning upon application to you I have had an opportunity to give it a hasty perusal. I find that the errors are numerous and gross—such as could not have occurred, if the commissioners had notified me that they were making enquiries as to the transactions of which their report treats, and had thus given me an opportunity to be heard before my conduct was judged of; knowing that the Legislature is to adjourn in a few hours from the time when I am now writing, I have it not in my power to notice all the errors in this report which have attracted my attention; two or three of the most material only can be considered.

The commissioners are in error in saying that Mr. Peabody had expressly directed the President of the Canal Company not to draw bills on him before the bills were sold to the North American Trust and Banking company; they have committed a very gross error also in stating the amount for which those bills were sold, and give a character to the whole transaction between the