

Ordered, That the committee on internal improvement inquire into the practicability and expediency, with the concurrence and co-operation of the states of Virginia and Delaware, of opening a safe and direct navigation through the sounds which run parallel with the sea coast, and such canals as may be necessary between the Chesapeake Bay, at or near Cape Charles, and Lewis-Town creek, on the Delaware Bay, and that said committee be authorised to open a correspondence with the authorities of Virginia and Delaware, in relation to the contemplated improvement.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, the senate proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions relative to obtaining from congress an appropriation for removing the obstructions to the entrance of the harbour of Annapolis; the same having been read a second time and amended, the question was put, Shall the resolutions as amended, be engrossed for a third reading? Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Spence the engrossed order directing the committee on internal improvement to inquire into the practicability and expediency of opening a safe and direct navigation through the sounds which run parallel with the sea coast, and such canals as may be necessary between the Chesapeake Bay, at or near Cape Charles and Lewistown creek, on the Delaware bay, was read a third time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Spence then offered the following message; which was read, and assented to.

By the Senate,

January 11th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate has received your message of the 8th instant, containing the words of an order passed by you on that day, which instructs your committee on internal improvement to inquire into the expediency and practicability (with the concurrence and co-operation of the states of Virginia and Delaware,) of opening a safe and direct navigation through the sounds which run parallel with the sea-coast, and such canals, as may be necessary, between the Chesapeake and Delaware bays.

The senate concurs with your proposition, that the proper committees of both branches of the legislature, act together upon this subject, and have this day passed the necessary order for that purpose.

By order,

L. Gassaway, Clk.