

to, passed at November session 1795, chapter 27. Ordered, that Messrs. Heath, Smith and Herbert, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee made a favourable report upon the resolution directing the governor and council to furnish copies of laws to the moderator and commissioners of Hagers-Town,

The said resolution was then read a second time.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee made a favourable report upon the resolution directing the governor and council to furnish copies of laws to the mayor, aldermen and boards of aldermen and common council of the city of Frederick; and to the mayor, recorder and aldermen of the city of Annapolis.

The said resolution, was then read a second time.

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 of solid masonry, and effectually prevent the descent of boats and arks down said river, except by the passage through the chute or sluice made in one side of each of said dams, which chute or sluice is at all times dangerous, and has already occasioned great losses to those who have attempted the passage of them; and by said dams the ascending navigation is wholly destroyed:—And, whereas the River Susquehanna, from the earliest settlement of the country, has been used by