

that is desired, or that the original act designed to afford them. It is well known to those who are conversant with the subject, that the fish (herrings and shad) in their advance up the rivers proceed in solid masses and confine themselves to the channel of the same, and never deviate from their course or disperse their schools until they approximate fresh water, except in some seasons, when tempestuous weather prevails at the time of their passage up, when heavy winds blow across the channels of the rivers; in those cases some portions of the schools may possibly be driven near enough to the points or projections of the lee shore to be taken by seines; for it is believed they are seldom if ever fished for with gill nets, they being used above for the taking of rock and other fish which in their progress up the rivers at those seasons, confine themselves principally to the flats and shoals of the rivers; so that they seldom take herring or shad, except when driven on the flats or shoals in tempestuous weather, and then in small quantities:—

From the foregoing, your honorable body will perceive that no injury can possibly be done to the fisheries by the passage of this bill, and by refusing to pass it, a large portion of our citizens will be deprived of important benefits without giving any additional protection to those you design to benefit.

By order,

Geo. G. Brewer, Cl'k.

Also the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from such point as the Somerset and Cumberland Turnpike Company of Pennsylvania shall fix upon at the Pennsylvania line to the public square in the town of Cumberland, or to intersect the United States road commonly called the national road, at such point as may be most convenient and practicable;

Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

A bill entitled, an act to explain and amend the act to establish a Bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Washington County Bank at the town of Williamsport in Washington County, which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Pigman, Mayer and Claude.

A bill entitled, an act to authorise the clerk of Worcester-