

We regard this amendment as essential to secure the work which is proposed to be done as a company work, in which the State will bear its proposed proportional part of one fourth the interest and cost, and no more. It was expressly intended to prevent the work from degenerating into a treasury work instead of a company work. We deem the willingness of individuals to embark their own funds in public works as the only safe test which can be afforded of their belief in either the utility or profit of such works, and moreover we deem this interest, which all companies should be required to have, as the best guaranty that they will use the public funds confided to their charge with that caution, sound judgement and discretion which the public interest demands they should exercise. So soon as the legislature shall depart from those safe guides for its action, and be found to have plunged the state into heavy engagements for unprofitable or unnecessary works, and the people of the state shall feel as they will do, at no distant date, the oppression of such a system, there will at once be an end to all internal improvements in the state at the expense, or in part at the expense of the treasury; whether they be profitable or necessary objects or otherwise. Under these hasty views, which might be greatly amplified and clearly illustrated, but for the late period of the session, we respectfully decline to recede from our amendment.

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, Cl'k.

Mr. Sappington from the committee on the militia, to which was referred the resolution relative to the militia officers, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second and by special order the third time, assented to and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following resolutions.

A resolution relative to the Armories,

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on the militia.

A resolution in favor of the Adjutant General,

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on finance.

And returned the bill which originated in the senate entitled, an act relating to justices of the peace in and for Baltimore city, endorsed "will not pass."