

Mr. Morris, from the committee to which was referred the message and accompanying papers, received yesterday from the House of Delegates, submitted the following message,

Which was read and adopted:

By the Senate, February 13, 1835.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing the appointment "of a joint committee to proceed immediately to the State of Delaware, and urge upon the Legislature of that State, the adoption of some measure, for the relief our citizens from the onerous exactions and serious inconveniences experienced by them, in trading through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal," and have carefully considered the same. Whilst we entirely concur in sentiment as to the grievances complained of, and the absolute necessity of some decisive and efficient measures to protect our citizens from the oppressions and exactions to which they are subjected, by the provisions of the laws of Delaware, in the conflict between the canal and its creditors. It is to the nature of the remedy and the means to be applied for correcting the evil that the difference of opinion exists. It is believed that it is from some countervailing legislation on our own part that redress is to be obtained. The enquiry as to the nature of these measures, we propose to entrust to an appropriate committee so that they may after due examination present some specific remedy. With this view of the question, we are unable to discern any beneficial results that would accrue from authorising a deputation to repair to Delaware, for the purpose of personally urging upon the attention of the Legislature of that State some correction of the evil complained of; and therefore respectfully decline acceding to the proposition contained in your message.

By order,

J. H. Nicholson, Clk.

Mr. Morris submitted the following order,

Which was read and adopted:

Ordered, That the committee on judicial proceedings be instructed to inquire into the nature and extent of the grievances and exactions to which the citizens of this and other states are subjected by reason of the charge of double toll collected under the authority of the laws of Delaware, by which the creditors of the canal company exercise the power to interfere with those who frequent the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal: and the said committee be authorised to report by bill or otherwise.