

We beg leave to remark, that the object of the amendment to the 5th section is already supplied by the 3d section of the original act, which provides for the reports contemplated by the amendment, being made semi-annually, under oath, to the judges of Allegany county court—and for their publication and their transmission to the General Assembly, through the Governor and Council. We would further observe, that we deem the amendment to the 7th section objectionable, because it allows the charge of tolls upon the old location, while it forbids repairs to it, contrary, as we think, to the spirit of the cession of this important work to Maryland, by the United States, and tending to the destruction of a branch of the road, which we believe highly valuable, not only with reference to local convenience, but as an avenue for the growing trade which takes the course of the National Road.

The 5th section of the bill as passed by the Senate, and which is displaced by the amendment to that section proposed by your honorable body, was meant to give a reasonable compensation to the Superintendent for the services required of him. His duties are of the first importance toward maintaining to the state this great highway; and they involve no inconsiderable labor and expense—extending over forty miles of road, obliging him to keep a horse, and to be frequently and long from home. He is required to make numerous contracts, and in all his agency to act as his own clerk;—to collect the revenues from the road, and to give bond for the faithful discharge of the various and responsible duties of his office. We would respectfully suggest, whether a qualified officer can be obtained for a less compensation than that section provides, who would faithfully and skilfully devote his time for the preservation and utility of this National work so intimately connected with the commercial interests of Maryland.

By order,

Jos H Nicholson, Clk.

The clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following resolutions:

A resolution in favor of Josiah Bayly,

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

A resolution relative to the establishment of a Navy Yard, in or near the city of Annapolis,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Claude, Sappington and Wootton.