of chartered companies. To suppose that they were, would be to ascribe an imbecility to the government, and a want of fidelity to our whole community, which we are not willing to sanction.

The committee having taken these views of the subject submitted to them, beg leave to report the accompanying bill, in conformity therewith.

Signed,

ARCHIBALD LEE, Chairman.

Mr. Lee also delivered the following report:

The Committee in the investigation of the various questions connected with this Rail Road, deem it due to the parties whose interests are involved in the present turnpike road from Baltimore to Washington, and the bridge across the Patapsco, that a reasonable provision should be made for the proprietors.

Which were severally read.

The house proceeded to consider the order of the day, it being the bill reported by Mr. M'Mahon, entitled, An act for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road.

On motion by Mr. Shaw, the 7th section of the bill was amended by inserting after the word "same," in the 6th line thereof, the following, "before any justice of the peace in the county and state, where any such offence shall or may be committed, or."

On motion by Mr. Shaw, said section was further amended by adding at the end thereof, the words "as the case may be."

The said bill was then read the second time, as amended, and rejected.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Wallis Hardcastle Nicholas Rogerson Ely Brookhart Holmes Merrick M'Mahon Evans Comegys Ridgely Gale Shaw Thomas, of Q. A. Reid-17 Parker

## NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Thomas. Speaker
Hawkins
Gantt