

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1865.

The bill to repeal part of the act of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The report of the committee on the petitions of Charles Alexander Warfield, and Robert Dorsey, executor of Edward Dorsey, of Caleb, was read the second time, and the question put, Will the house concur with the said report and assent to the resolution therein contained? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.									
Yeas	Neale, Hebb, Plater, Gale, Merriken,	Mercer, Dorsey, Higgins, Stuart, Parnham,	Chapman, Lemmon, Harryman, Lloyd, Dickinson,	Ward, Porter, Van-Horn, Contee,	Shaaff, Sudler, Gleaves, Forwood,	Ayres, Bayard, Turpin, Jump,	Ellicott, Smith, Yates, Carroll,	Selby, Watts, Linthicum, Rizer.	35.		
		N E G A T I V E.									
Nays	Scott, B. Mackall,	Cottman, Hyland,	Frazier,	Sturgis,	Hawkins,	Kuhn,	Holbrook,	Bowles.	10.		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following resolution was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

RESOLVED, That each member and officer of this house wear a scarf and band, during the remainder of the session, in respect to the memory of the honourable Alexander Contee Hanson, late chancellor, and that the expence of procuring the same be placed on the journal of accounts, and paid by the treasurer of the western shore.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee of conference, delivers to the speaker the following report, as amended.

THE committee of conference, to whom was referred the executive communications respecting the sale of the Maryland bank stock in the bank of England, report, that they have taken the same, with the accompanying papers and documents, into consideration.

The committee beg leave to express their opinion, that in the transaction of the important subject of those communications by the executive, and by the agents of the state acting under their authority, the interest of the state has been invariably kept in view. The sale of the English, and purchase of American stock, has been more advantageous than could have been anticipated. All the expences incurred in the negotiation, comprehending the commission granted the different agents, may be covered by a judicious investment of the proceeds. The committee are of opinion, that the money which will be received from the bills of exchange drawn by the purchasers in favour of the state's agent, together with the money received, or that shall be received, from the sales of the English stock, should be invested, by subscribing on the part of the state, in stock reserved in the Bank of Baltimore, the Union Bank of Maryland, and the Farmers Bank of Maryland, in the proportions expressed in the resolution herewith reported.

RESOLVED, That the agent, Joseph H. Nicholson, pay over to the treasurer of the western shore, the cash received, or which shall be received, from the sales of British stock, or from dividends on said stock, and that the said agent shall receive the same commission thereon as if the amount had been transmitted in stock of the United States, pursuant to the resolutions passed November session, eighteen hundred and four.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore, under the direction of the governor and council, subscribe, on the part of this state, in the stock in the Bank of Baltimore, the sum of seventy-four thousand dollars, in the Union Bank of Maryland the sum of two hundred and seven thousand six hundred dollars, the sum of fifty dollars to be paid on each share subscribed for in that bank, and in the Farmers Bank of Maryland the sum of thirty thousand dollars, the amount of which subscriptions shall be paid out of the money received, or that shall be received, from the sale of the Maryland bank stock in the bank of England.

In taking into consideration the investment of so large a portion of the state's funds, the committee could not avoid turning their attention to the finances generally. As there will, in the course of the current year, be received, exceeding to a considerable amount the expences of the government, provision during the present session should be made for the disposition of it towards useful and profitable objects. None of more magnitude presents itself than improving the navigation of the river Susquehanna. The judicious application of about sixty thousand dollars, the committee believe, would remove the principal obstructions to accomplish so important an object, in which the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania are so materially interested. The committee flatter themselves with the hope, that that state, whose inhabitants will be more especially accommodated with a safe, cheap and expeditious way to market, will double the sum this state may apply. The committee therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be appropriated, out of any monies that may come into the treasury during the current year, exceeding prior appropriations and the current expences of government, towards opening and clearing the bed of the river Susquehanna, from the line of this state to the town of Columbia in the state of Pennsylvania, provided the state of Pennsylvania, during their present session, shall appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars towards the same object; the money to be laid out under the superintendence of such person or persons as the executives of the two states may appoint.

The committee further report, that by the proceedings of the congress of the United states, it appears to be in contemplation by the United States to open a road from Cumberland in the state of Maryland to the state of Ohio. The state of Maryland, in the opinion of the committee, will, in a considerable degree, be deprived of