

WEDNESDAY, March 1st, 1843.

The House met. Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Causin, Thomas, Key, Sutton, Rasin, Edes, Owens, Dorsey, Murray, Hammond, Clarke, Allnut, Weems, Morsell, Crain, Brawner, Freeman, Walker, Risteau, Welsh, Randall, Hall, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, Handy of Somerset, Fleming, Langford, Rider, Phelps, Traverse, Lecompte of Dorchester, Green, Lackland, Simpser, Janney, Crookshanks, Semmes, Tuck, Hamilton, Clemments, Dunbracco, Roberts, Holland, Hearn, Taylor, Handy of Worcester, Richardson, Lynch, McKeehan, Crampton, Butler, Hopkins, Jarrett, Sherwood of Caroline, Thawley, Nicols, Springer, Graves, Gallagher, Starr, Spence, Nesbitt, Grove, Weber, Harne, Boteler, Griffith, Dade, Kilgour, Worthington, Buskirk, Pickell, Neff, Buchanan, Brown, Shaw, Powder, Lecompte of Carroll, and Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker laid before the House the following letter :

*To the honorable*

*the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland :*

The undersigned has to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the order of your honorable body, of the 15th instant, requiring of the Tide Water Canal Company, (together with other companies named,) to report to your House "the name or names of any person or persons who have been or are now acting agents of the company, usually called and known by the name of lobby members, and the amount of money which has been paid to any such person or persons, by the company ; also the amount of money now claimed by any such person or persons from the said company," and has the honor to report—That there is, not now, nor has there been during the session of your honorable body, any person of the description named, in the employ of the company, that the undersigned is aware of. And this inquiry being answered in the negative, of course includes a negative to the two that follow, and are based upon it.

I beg leave further to add, that severe indisposition, which has incapacitated me for some time from attention to business of every description, has prevented earlier attention to the foregoing.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES HEPBURN,

*President Tide Water Canal Company.*

HARRISBURG, 23rd February, 1843.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county and Howard District, asking the opening of a road therein mentioned ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Brown, Shaw, Powder, Lecompte of Carroll, Clarke and Hammond.