

were referred the petitions of Mary Booth and Susan Galloway, reported unfavorably thereon;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

The house then took for consideration, bills and resolutions in order, entitled to a second reading.

The first resolution in order, is the resolution relating to a National Foundry, submitted by Mr. Sutton.

Which was read.

Mr. Biser moved as a substitute for said resolution the following:

Whereas, from the foundation of the government to this day, every succeeding Executive has urged upon Congress the duty of providing for the common defence, and have recommended the establishment of a National Foundry; and, whereas, it is important to the people of these United States, and of the State of Maryland particularly, that said foundry be established in a central and convenient position; and whereas, it is the opinion of this Legislature that Weaverton, on the Potomac river, three miles east of Harper's Ferry, possess a site, combining every requisite for such a National Establishment, and certainly not surpassed, if equalled, either in any respect, by those of any other site in the Union, being situated on the Potomac river in Frederick and Washington counties, crossing it about three miles east of Harper's Ferry, at the point at which the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers having united at Harper's Ferry, burst the barrier of the Blue Ridge, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, the noblest work of its kind in America, running directly through it to the seat of the General Government, affords the facility of water communications with our chief forts, fortifications, dock-yards and naval stations," it now has a daily land communication with Baltimore by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators in Congress are instructed, and our Representatives are requested to use their best exertions to obtain the location of the National Foundry at Weaverton, on the Potomac river, near Harper's Ferry.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to communicate the above resolution to our Representatives and Senators in Congress.

Which was read.

Mr. Poultney moved to amend said substitute by striking out "Weaverton" and inserting "Towson town."

On the question being put: Will the house agree to amend?

On motion of Mr. Newcomer,

The yeas and nays were required and appear as follows;

AFFIRMATIVE.

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| Messrs. Shaw | Lloyd | Sutton |
| Constable | Cottman | Hope |
| Welch of K. | Foard | Polk |
| Estep | Heckart | Sangston |