

those who now are directors of said banks, and the amount of discounts, if any, to such persons, respectively, and when made ;

And said committee be further directed to inquire into and report, whether any of the said banks, in discounting, give a preference to any individuals ; whether any of them have issued post-notes, and if so, when? and to what amount? whether any of them loan their notes with an expressed or implied understanding that they are to be put in circulation by the borrower, at remote and distant places, out of the state? whether any of the said banks have, or do discount through the agency or instrumentality of brokers, or have stipulated with the borrower, that he shall take the notes of distant banks, known to be at a discount in the market, and which said banks, at the time of making such discount, refused to receive at par ;

Also whether any of the said banks, have, or do deal in stocks or commodities, or have at any one time, bought up the depreciated paper of other banks ; also whether any of the said banks do, or have loaned to any broker or brokers, specie, repayable on demand? or have sold coin at an advance ;

And that said committee be further ordered to inquire into and report the monthly amount of specie, circulation, deposits, and discounts of the said banks, since the 1st of January 1834, up to the 1st Jan. 1840 ; as also the amount, description, and present market price of the stocks, and present valuation of the real estate held by the said banks, as also whether any of the said banks have received, or paid out any notes under five dollars, of any banks, savings institution, canal or rail road companies, since the suspension of specie payments in Oct. 1839, and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and take testimony upon oath ;

Mr. Spencer moved to lay the said order on the table ;

Determined in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivered a communication from the treasurer of the Western Shore, being his annual report ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also, returned the bill entitled,, an act for the re-valuation of the real and personal property in Talbot county ;

Endorsed "will pass" and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Gaither submitted the following resolutions ;

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in conformity with a recommendation of Congress, passed on the 10th day of October 1780, the several states containing waste and uncultivated lands made cessions of them to the United States, to be held and used "as a common fund for the use and benefit of the United States," the states ceding them inclusive.

Resolved, That the other public domain of the United States, was acquired by purchase, and contracted to be paid for with the public funds of the general government, to which the people of all the states contribute, and in the judicious and advantageous dis-