

acceptance of the appointment as one of the agents to represent the state in all joint stock companies in which the state has an interest;

Which was read.

Mr. Jones, of Somerset, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That John Van Lear, esq., of Washington county, be, and he is hereby appointed agent to vote the stock of this state in all joint stock companies in which the state has an interest, in the place of William Cost Johnson, esq., who has declined the appointment.

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, address a joint letter to the said John Van Lear, informing him of his appointment.

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. E. A. Lynch, chairman of the committee on internal improvement, delivered the following report:

The committee of internal improvement, to whom was referred the orders of this house of the 30th of December and of the 11th of January, together with the report of the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, made in obedience to the requirement of the House of Delegates, with instructions to investigate the condition and management of said company, the causes of removal of officers, the sale of state bonds, the issue of irredeemable scrip, and general financial agency of the board of directors, have summoned before them the officers of said company, as well as those who have resigned and been dismissed, or those who have been lately appointed, and are now in office, together with other competent witnesses, and have also exhibited interrogatories to the President of the Canal Company. The evidence is voluminous, and although the efforts which have been made to anticipate the result of this investigation, by a portion of the public press, would render it desirable to report immediately, the engagements of your committee have been so incessant and laborious, that they have been unable to do so. A full report will be made as soon as the same can be prepared, with the care which the importance of the enquiry demands.

Ed. A. Lynch, chairman.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Forman submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate:

By the House of Delegates,
March 10, 1841.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We respectfully ask your honorable body to return to this house the bill, entitled an act to provide for a more equal distribution among the different academies in Worcester county.

By order,

George G. Brewer, clerk.