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Papers pertaining exclusively to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Committee on Internal Improvement—Messrs. Wootton, Causin, Pitts, Handy, Comegys, Maulsby and Blocher.

Benj. E. Gantt, Clerk.

FEBRUARY 4th, 1839.

Committee met. Present, Messrs. Wootton, Causin, Pitts, Handy Maulsby and Comegys.

The committee took into consideration the following order, adopted by the House of Delegates on the 9th ult.

“That the committee on internal improvement be directed to report to this house what amount of money has been borrowed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company on the pledge of the certificates of stock of the State of Maryland issued last year, and what portion of said amount remains yet unexpended?

“2d. What amount of promissory notes or bills have been issued by said company—under what authority said issues have been made, and what amount of said issues is still outstanding?

“3d. What amount of money has been paid by said canal company within the last three years, to attorneys or agents, designating to whom, and for what services said payments were made?

“4th. Whether within the three last years, there has been any increase made to the salary of any officer or agent of said company, and if so, to what amount? and for stationary, printing, postage, pay of officers, viz., president, directors, commissioner, clerks; and also the number of persons at present employed in engineer service by the said company; the salaries allowed to each; and also the various estimates heretofore made by engineers, and the actual cost of work when completed? the number of sections and cost of work done on such contract abandoned by contractors? the course of proceedings usually had in such cases, and what amount of the twenty per cent. reserved by the companies on contracts as security for a faithful compliance with the same, has been retained by said company on such forfeited con-