

nal improvement, entitled an act for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland.

Mr. E. A. Lynch moved to amend said bill, by inserting after the word "canal," in the 3d line, 2d section, the following: "or for the payment of debts contracted in the further prosecution of this work."

Mr. Jones of Somerset, proceeded to discuss the amendment, and maintained that its consideration included that of the policy of continuing the work on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, at the risk of enhanced prices, if paid in bonds, which the contractors could not dispose of at par, or of suspending operations on the canal; and was proceeding to discuss the reasons urged in the Baltimore newspapers, and in the resolutions of the City Council of Baltimore, urging that suspension, when he was called to order by the chair for irrelevancy, that under the 10th rule of the house, he should confine himself to the question under debate.

An appeal was taken by Mr. Jones, of Somerset, from this decision.

The question was then put, shall the opinion of the chair stand as the judgment of the house?

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Seidenstricker,

The house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by him, entitled an act for the promotion of education in Somerset county;

The said bill was then read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Lynch,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by Mr. E. A. Lynch, entitled an act for the benefit of school district No. 11, in Frederick county;

The said bill was then read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Forman reported a bill, entitled an act to repeal an act relating to the people of color in this state, passed March the 12th, 1832, ch. 281;

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

The door-keeper having returned, reported, that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled an act for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland.