

shall be increased to at least one cent per ton per mile immediately after the completion of the Canal to Cumberland, unless the agents appointed to represent the State in said canal company, shall certify in writing, to the president and directors of said company, that in their opinion and belief the best interests of the State would be injured by such increase on the article of coal."

Mr. Graves moved further to amend said amendment by striking out the 4th section thereof;

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The 4th section of said amendment was amended by striking out in the 12th and 13th lines these words, "and the avails of the tax bill passed at this session;"

Mr. Le Grand moved to strike out the 5th section of said amendment;

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Which was twice read, concurred in, and the resolutions therein

Said amendment was amended by striking out in the 4th and 5th lines, of 5th section, the word "day," and inserting "Tuesday."

Mr. Le Grand moved further to amend said amendment by striking out from the word "act," in the 8th line, 7th section, to the end of said section;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Gantt moved to amend said amendment by inserting after the word "take," in the 8th section, 6th line, the word "bond or bonds with;"

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Gantt moved to amend said amendment by adding at the end of the 8th section the following:

That it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State of Maryland before the bonds are approved of as aforesaid, to issue a commission to three disinterested persons, not stockholders in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and not interested in any of the coal regions, and not in the employment of said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, one of whom shall be a competent engineer, who are to examine such contract or contracts, and the said bond or bonds; and the sufficiency of the security to the aforesaid bonds and report in writing to the treasurer the result of the said examination, it being understood, however, that such report is not to be conclusive with the treasurer but to be one source from which his opinion is to be formed;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Gantt called for the yeas and nays which were not sustained by the house.

Mr. Presstman moved to amend said amendment by striking out the 11th section thereof;

Pending this motion and after debate thereon,

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.