

Was being read the third time, when
On motion of Mr. Sappington, the following was read
and assented to as an additional section.

“And be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall authorize the said trustee to invest said purchase money in the lands of any State whose descent laws differ from those of this State.”

The question was then put, “shall the bill pass?”

And it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Mayer submitted the following report,

Which was read the first time:

The majority of the committee appointed by the senate to join a committee of the house of delegates in relation to the conflicting plans of operation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company report: That under a sense of the peculiar urgency and moment of the task confided to them, the committee proceeded promptly to the investigation of the circumstances and comparison of views connected with the great object desired to be effected.

The committee was impressed with the deep interest of Maryland in both these distinguished enterprises, and the relation to each in which her patronage of both had placed her. They were mindful, not only of the immediate pecuniary interest of the State springing from her investment in these undertakings, but also of the public good, and of the large accession to the general prosperity and welfare to be ultimately achieved by them. The committee bore too in mind that the two companies had gone through a vexed and protracted litigation which under the decision of our own supreme court ended in the conclusive exposition of the Canal Company's powers and exhibited that corporation invested under the sanction of three sovereign authorities, with privileges paramount and exclusive, and fortified by a three fold legislative compact.

The rights of the Canal Company thus judicially and inviolably defined, gave that corporation a commanding position, which, while it controlled the progress of the Rail Road was on the other hand unassailable by any legal process and not to be affected by