

ble report on the petition of the trustees of the poor of Harford county, praying the passage of a law authorising them to mortgage certain property therein mentioned.

Which was twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Montgomery reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act empowering the levy courts of Harford and Baltimore counties to build a bridge over the Little Gunpowder Falls at the Rock Ford.

Which was read,

Mr. Wootton, from the committee on Internal Improvement, delivered the following report; accompanied with the following resolution:

The committee on internal improvement have had under consideration two acts of the general assembly of the state of Virginia, the first entitled, An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, passed February 27th, 1829, which empowers—1st. The president and directors to substitute, in lieu of bridges, boats, to cross the canal. 2d. To sell, let, or otherwise dispose of, any surplus water in any part of the canal, or of any feeder or reservoir thereof. And 3d. To sell out, or let for a term of years, any heavy embankments, piers, or moles, formed by the company at the mouth of creeks, or along the river shore, for basins and other purposes. And the second being an act to amend the charter of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by authorising the commencement of the western section of the canal, passed February 13th, 1830, which empowers the company to commence the western section, although the eastern section of the canal shall not at such time be completed out of funds hereafter to be raised for that express object. but that no part of the stock heretofore subscribed shall be applied to the construction of the said western section. Together with the memorial of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, dated January 31st, 1831, praying a confirmation of these acts, and a counter memorial of William M. Steuart, on behalf of Amos Binney and others.

The prayers of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, as now presented, with the exception of the privilege granted by the last recited act of Virginia, seem to your committee to be at variance with the interests of individuals who are already in the possession of rights that such grants would either destroy or greatly impair a power; which your committee believe the legislature of Maryland never intended to confer, and an interference directly opposed to the policy hitherto pursued by that legislature. The powers, privi-