

On motion by Mr. Mann,

Ordered, That the committee on ways and means, inquire and report whether it would not be expedient to reduce the price of caution money for vacant land that may be in future surveyed under and in pursuance of warrants for vacant lands in Washington county.

Mr. Ely submitted the following preamble and order; Which was twice read and adopted.

Whereas it appears by reference to a notice which appeared in several of the public prints of the city of Baltimore, on or about the 17th day of April, 1832,—headed Transportation on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, that the President and Directors of the said Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, had then determined that no goods, wares, and merchandize, or other articles should be received for transportation at the depot of the company on Pratt, near Light street wharf, after 3 o'clock P. M.—and also that the said company had determined, that no goods, wares, and merchandize, or other articles whatever, transported on said Rail Road, should be delivered at any point or place on said road, except at the company's depots at Baltimore, Ellicott's Mills, and at Frederick, and the following private depots, viz: Sykes' Ville, New Market, and the Point of Rocks, which depots are from seven to fifteen miles apart, and some of them a much greater distance.

And whereas, the before mentioned regulations of the said Rail Road company is a great grievance to all persons wishing to transport goods, wares, and merchandize, or other articles on said road, who reside on or near to the same, between the before mentioned depots, and particularly to those through whose lands the said road passes, as they are thereby debared the privilege of having their articles delivered at their place of residence, or the most convenient point to such persons as reside near to the same.

And whereas it is right and proper that the transportation of goods, wares and merchandize on said road, should be so regulated as to subserve the public convenience, and promote the best interests of the State,

Therefore, ordered, That the committee on Internal Improvements be, and they are hereby instructed, to inquire into the operations of the above mentioned regulations of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, or any other regulations relating to the same subjects which they may have made subsequent thereto, and that they report to this house whether it would not be expedient to cause said