

the valuable and increasing trade of that region, in reaching its great natural mart, the City of Baltimore, but the policy of the State of Pennsylvania has so far interposed an insurmountable to the accomplishment of that desirable obstacle object;

Failing thus, however innocently on their part, to accomplish, and without any probable prospect of soon being enabled to accomplish the great end of their institution, neither this company nor the work they have commenced can now be regarded as objects of primary importance by the friends of the great schemes of internal improvement, in which the State has liberally embarked her capital and her credit. And it appears to your committee that the great and pervading interests of the whole State when viewed in connexion with the present limited amount of the pecuniary resources, imperiously demand that she should suffer no diversion of any of her means which the wisdom of her Legislature may deem disposable for such objects, from the encouragement and further prosecution of her works of this nature confessedly of primary importance;

Your Committee therefore respectfully state that in their judgment it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the memorialists and recommend that they have leave to withdraw the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM D. MERRICK, Ch'n.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Heard the House reconsidered their vote on the adoption of the said report and the same was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sellman chairman of the committee on claims delivered the following report, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

WHEREAS the present mode of contracting for the stationary, for the use of the Executive and Legislature, is attended with great inconvenience and much delay, Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State Librarian be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase annually hereafter, the usual and necessary supplies of Stationary, for the use of the Executive and Legislative Departments of this State; previously to the meeting of each Session of the Legislature;*

And that the bills for stationary so purchased by him, be annually submitted to the examination of the Joint Com-