

that means such sums as they may find necessary for that purpose. It is proposed then, to authorise the Treasurer of the western shore to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and to issue certificates of stock, bearing an interest of *five per cent. per annum*, redeemable at pleasure, and to pledge the surplus proceeds of the lottery system to its redemption. In doing this, the money in the Treasury will not be disturbed, and the credit of the state will be used without, in any way affecting her interest. Your committee are advised, that on the stock thus proposed to be issued, the money could be at once raised, and by at this time furnishing the funds, for continuing the work, employment would be given advantageously to many of our fellow citizens, who are, by the present depressed state of trade and suspension of individual enterprise, likely to be deprived of their ordinary means of obtaining a livelihood.

With these impressions, your committee humbly conceive, that in granting the prayer of the petitioners, the Legislature would confer a benefit on many of our most useful and worthy fellow-citizens, and save the monument from further injury, without prejudice to the finances of the state, or injury to any of her citizens, and at the same time do but justice to the public spirited individuals who have, without emolument, given their time to the work, and attended faithfully and sedulously to its management. Many of them have already passed away, and we can best shew our appreciation of their service in this work, by giving to those who still remain, the only reward they hoped for; to witness the completion of a monument constructed by a grateful people to the Father of his country.

We beg leave to report the accompanying bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA JONES, Chairman.

Accompanied with a bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act, entitled, An act concerning the *Washington Monument*, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter two hundred and forty-five;

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Also, reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate The United Beneficial Society of Cordwainers, in the city of Baltimore;

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Palmer reported a bill, entitled, an act authorising the Levy court of Frederick county, to levy a sum of mo-