

and projected public works of Pennsylvania, New York, and other states, a grand channel of communication within the borders of our own country, amply sufficient for all the purposes of commerce between the most remote sections of the Union, and perfectly secure, not only from the dangers of the sea, but also from the attacks of any foreign maritime power who may be at war with us; *And whereas*, the present prosperous condition of the national treasury and the country, will permit the expenditure by the general government, of two or three millions of dollars, to remove effectually the obstructions to the uninterrupted navigation by steamboats which now exist in that river; Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Relative to the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river.

That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use every exertion to procure the passage of a law at the present session, making an ample appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river, between the cities of Pittsburg and Louisville, so that the said river may be navigable for steamboats at all seasons of the year, when it is not obstructed by ice.

Governor to forward copies to our senators and representatives in congress.

Resolved, That the Governor of this Commonwealth be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress, to be laid before that body.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirty-first day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

JOS. RITNER.

No. 10.

Resolution

Relative to the claim of Le Grand Bancroft and John D. Petrikeny, and Brown and Sawyer, and Josephine C. B. Nourse.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met. That the Canal Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized to settle and adjust the claims of Le Grand Ban-

croft and John D. Petriken, late contractors on section thirty-nine, and of Brown and Sawyer, late contractors on section thirty-seven, on the Portage railroad, as may appear equitable and just under their contracts, and agreeably to the fourth section of the act entitled "An act relative to the appointment of Canal Commissioners," dated the sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

That the board of Canal Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and required to investigate the claims of Josephine C. B. Nourse, of the county of Northumberland, for work done by her late husband, as a contractor on the North Branch division of the Pennsylvania canal, for damages sustained in the construction of said canal through her land, in case the party owning the land shall not have released their right to damages, and also, for property taken by the agents of the commonwealth for use of said canal; and it shall be the duty of said commissioners to examine under oath or affirmations, such witnesses as may be offered in support of said claims, and examine such documentary evidence as may be produced in support thereof, and to adjust the same, upon the principles of justice and equity, and the said damages, if any, shall be paid out of the fund provided for the payment of damages, and audited in the usual way.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirty-first day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

JOS: RITNER.

No. 11.

Resolution

Relative to the claims of Joseph Smith, Peter Livergood, George Patton Boyer, John Gallagher and George Keener, Isaac Kleckner and James M'Gee, for damages done by the construction of the Pennsylvania Canal and Columbia Railroad.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the Canal Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized, to ascertain whether the ground occupied by the erection of water stations and wood-houses, on the land of