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Timeline:

Agriculture and Manufactures 1827-1828 William M. Rives

Agriculture and Mining 1866 Drury W. K. Bowles

Agriculture 1940 Tate Boys Sterrett

Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 2002 M. Kirkland Cox

1827-1828

(1826 record is probably incorrect in DOME)

This statement was given:

In the year 1819, a revision of the Act of the 2d March, 1807, took place, when a change was made as to the final disposition of the persons brought within the limits of the several States and Territories, under that Act, but the declaratory interpretation of the Constitution, as to jurisdiction, remained unrepealed. This interpretation will apply to things, as well as to persons, and demonstrably proves, that the power to regulate commerce ceases, the moment the subjects of that commerce are brought within State or Territorial limits. So long as the constitutional jurisdiction of the respective States over the territory, persons and things, within their respective limits, shall remain to the States, so long the Federative principle in our beautiful complicated system of Government will remain in full vigor. The moment the jurisdiction is abandoned by the States, the Federative principle is gone forever, and with it, the sacred chart of American liberties. °

It is with deep reluctance and regret, that my duty constrains me to observe to the General Assembly, that whilst the tariff is found to be more destructive in its effects generally, but particularly upon **agriculture**, than was anticipated; whilst it has in fact rendered **agriculture**—except in a few cases, which serve still further to aggravate the burthens upon the rest—an unproductive, perhaps a losing occupation, there is no prospect of its repeal. So far from it, we are threatened with its extension. Under these circumstances, it is for the wisdom of the General Assembly to determine what measures are best calculated to arrest the progress of the evil, to relieve the people of this Commonwealth from their unjust oppressions, and to reinstate them in the full enjoyment of all their rights and liberties.

- WM. B. GILES.

Within a few days, there was vote to establish the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures:

The Speaker then appointed the following gentlemen to compose the said committee, viz: Messrs. Rives of Campbell, Barton, Patteson, Marshall, Gordon, Crump of Cumberland, Miller, Booker, Colston, Drummond, Zinn, Crockett, Payne of Fluvanna, Walker, Griffin, Goodall, Vass, Hamilton, Williams of Hardy, Sangster and Minor.

Ordered, That the committee, to whom was referred a petition from certain citizens of Fredericksburg for the incorporation of a Manufacturing Company, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the said standing committee on **Agriculture** and Manufactures; that they do examine the matter thereof and report their ° thereupon to the House. –

A report of the committee on **Agriculture** and Manufactures, was read as follows: The committee on **Agriculture** and Manufactures, have; according to order, had under consideration a memorial to them referred, from citizens residing adjacent to the Falls of the Rappahannock river, praying an act of incorporation to their association, for the purpose of establishing woollen and cotton factories at the said falls, and have come to the following resolution thereon: Resolved, as the opinion of this committee, That the prayer of the said memorial is reasonable.

Agriculture and Mining 1866

December 1866, Committee on Agriculture and Mining was created as well as Committee on Manufactures and Mechanic Arts

There was some discussion of a State Geologist prior to this committee being created, in the 1865/66 session:

State **Geologist**

There is great necessity felt 'at this time for a practical state geologist. At my request, Dr. Grant has prepared some very interesting papers on the subject of the mineralogical deposits in the state. But as there was no appropriation made for the purpose, I did not feel authorized to incur expense on this subject. I earnestly recommend that you make appropriation for the purpose of employing a state **geologist** and mineralogist to make a thorough survey of the state..

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