

SKINNER'S GRAND CENTRAL BASIN.

APRIL 22, 1830.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. CRAIG, of Virginia, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which the subject had been referred, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the letter of Mr. Skinner, on the subject of a central basin in the city of Washington, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave, respectfully, to express their concurrence in opinion with the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the same subject was, heretofore, referred, that the proposed work is of such importance, on account of the tendency it will have to enhance the value of the adjacent public lots, and the accommodation it will afford to the commercial action of the city of Washington, in addition to its ornamental effects, as, in the opinion of this committee, will justify a survey and estimate. This survey and estimate can, as this committee believe, be accomplished by the Board of Internal Improvements, under the direction of the President, without any special appropriation being made to that object. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the basin and other improvements, contemplated in the plan of Mr. Skinner, are of such importance to the public, as well as to the city of Washington, as to merit a survey and examination. And that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to procure the same to be made, by the Board of Engineers, under the direction of the Secretary of War, and to cause a report thereof, together with an estimate of the cost, to be laid before Congress, as early as may be at their next session.