

this Union to foreign nations having been committed by the constitution of the United States to the general government, this Convention, representing the government and people of an individual State, can take no action upon the petition of James T. Dwyer, except to declare that the citizens of Maryland, composed in large part of Irishmen and their descendants, will ever witness with deep solicitude any measures promotive of the welfare and happiness of the people of Ireland, and it is further ordered that the said petition be printed, for general information, upon the journal of the Convention.

Mr. Barry said, after the explanation made, he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. Stoddert hoped the order would be adopted unanimously.

The order was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. Gill submitted the following:

*Ordered*, That the committee on corporations be instructed to investigate the proceedings of the mayor and city councils of Baltimore since the election of the present incumbents, and particularly into their proceedings relative to the endorsement by the city of Baltimore of the bonds of the Union Railroad Company, and to the building of a new city hall, and that said committee be authorized to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Horsey, of Frederick, asked that the order be laid over for a day or two, until members had time to inform themselves in regard to this very important matter. The proposed investigation would take considerable time.

Mr. Wethered also asked that it be laid over.

The order was then laid over informally.

On motion of Mr. Merryman, it was

*Ordered*, That the committee on corporations and public works inquire into the expediency of incorporating an article into the constitution requiring that all railroads hereafter to be built within this State shall, in crossing any turnpike road, be built either above the bed of said turnpike road, at sufficient height to enable carriages, wagons or any vehicle of pleasure or burden to cross un-