

pany one-fifth of the whole amount which may be received for the transportation of passengers between the cities of Baltimore and Washington and intermediate points, on said Road by said Company, and all other Acts, or parts of Acts, inconsistent with this section be and the same are hereby repealed, and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is hereby forever released and discharged from the collection and payment of one-fifth of the whole amount by it received for the transportation of passengers on or over its Railroad, between Baltimore and Washington, or on or over any part thereof, into the Treasury for the use of the State; *provided*, that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall first pay over to the Treasurer of the State the amount collected on this account and in their hands, since the first day of July, 1868, and which may accrue up to the time of the passage of this Act; *and provided further*, that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall execute and file, in the office of the Comptroller of this State, a release to the State of Maryland of any and all claims and demands of the said Company for or on account of any payment by it made, or alleged to have been made, for or on account of the interest on any part of the public debt of this State, and also shall execute and file its written obligation, under seal, and signed by its President, to pay into the Treasury of the State the sum of fifty thousand dollars per annum, the same to be paid semi-annually, on the first days of January and July in each and every year, until such time as the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company shall complete its Washington Branch, and commence carrying passengers between the cities of Baltimore and Washington.

*Resolved*, That this Act shall not take effect until the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall have complied with all its provisions.

*Resolved*, That if the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall, at the end of ten days after the passage of this law, decline compliance with its provisions, then and in that event John Lee Carroll, William M. Merrick and James L. McLane, be and they are hereby constituted and appointed a commission to ascertain the amount of indebtedness of said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to the State of Maryland; and in making such ascertainment, such Commission shall investigate and consider all items of indebtedness by said Railroad Company to the State, and shall also investigate and consider any claim which the said Railroad Company has or asserts against the said State; and that said Commission have power to employ an expert accountant to assist them in said investigation and to send for persons and papers, and to have free access to the books of the said Company, and immediately on said ascertainment being made,