

the subject of fish, their cultivation, preservation, &c., some evening that may be convenient to them.

We have named on the part of the House, Messrs. Chapman, Merrick and McLane.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Joint Resolutions submitted by Mr. Merrick, in reference to the claim of the State against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

The question recurring upon the Joint Resolutions submitted by Mr. Hoblitzell, as a substitute for the Resolutions submitted by Mr. Merrick,

Pending the consideration of which,

Mr. Streett submitted the following Joint Resolutions as an amendment to the Resolutions submitted by Mr. Hoblitzell and as a substitute therefor.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a Committee consisting of four members of the House and three of the Senate, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively, be and the same are hereby constituted and appointed a Joint Special Committee to whom shall be referred all matters of account in dispute, and all differences between the State of Maryland and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, relative to the transportation of passengers. Said Committee to have power to send for persons and papers, and to employ a competent accountant to aid them in their deliberation, and report therein to this General Assembly for their action, within fifteen days after the passage of these Resolutions.

And be it further Resolved, That the Attorney General of the State be, and he is hereby directed, to give in writing, his opinion upon questions submitted to him by said Committee relative to the legality of the claim made by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad against the State.

And be it further Resolved, That upon the failure of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to pay into the Treasury of the State, the amount which the said Committee may report to be due the State by the said Company, for the space of twenty days after the adoption of the report of this Committee by the General Assembly, then, and in that event, it shall be the duty of the Attorney General, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to institute forthwith proper legal proceedings against the said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad