

So the resolutions submitted by Mr. Hammond, as an amendment to the Resolutions submitted by Mr. Hoblitzell, were adopted.

The question then recurring upon the original Resolutions submitted by Mr. Merrick, as amended, and accepted by him as amended.

Which read as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Be it enacted 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 upon failure of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to pay into the Treasury of the State, the amount which 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, the Attorney General is hereby directed forthwith to institute proceedings by writ of *scire facias* in the name of the State of Maryland against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, to ascertain whether the charter and corporate franchises and privileges of said Company ought not, by reason of misuser and abuse of its franchises and privileges, be vacated and annulled.*

*And be it further resolved, That the Governor is hereby authorized to employ counsel to aid the Attorney General in prosecuting the said writ of *scire facias*.*

Said Resolutions were read a second time as amended, and passed by yeas and nays, as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.	Meekins,	Cooper,
Latrobe, Speaker,	Touchstone,	Morse,
Loker,	Owens,	Blake,
Martin,	Richards,	Webb,