

to issue bonds for the payment of the same, and to levy taxes on the assessable property of the county, to redeem such bonds and to pay the interest thereon.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Goldsborough, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported unfavorably,

A bill, relating to the appointment of a weigher of baled hay, straw and husks in the City of Baltimore, and prescribing his duties.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Griswold, (Chairman, on the part of the House,) of the Joint Select Committee on the claims of the State against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Joint Committee appointed "to take into consideration the claim of the State against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, for one-fifth of the passenger transportation on the Washington Branch Road, with a view to its adjustment, without further litigation, on the principles announced by the Court of Appeals, on the 3rd day of May, 1871, in the case of the State against that Company, and also to consider the expediency of releasing the said Company from the further payment to the State of any portion of said passenger transportation, and taxing the Company, or receiving other equivalent in lieu thereof," having carefully considered the subjects referred to them, respectfully submit the following report, as containing the views of the Committee:

1st. That the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company should pay forthwith into the Treasury of this State the amount for which judgment has been rendered in the Superior Court of Baltimore City, in the suit of the State against the Company to recover one-fifth of the whole amount received by said Company for the transportation of passengers between Baltimore and Washington, on its Washington Branch, with interest until paid, and costs of suit.

2nd. That the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer, shall ascertain what sum is due to the State by the said Company for the State's proportion of the money received for the transportation of passengers on the Washington Branch Road, from the 1st day of January, 1870, to the 1st day of January 1872, and that the Company pay the amount so ascertained, in the State Treasury, on or before the 1st day of July, 1872, with interest.