

BY THE SENATE,

February 5th, 1874.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We have received your message, proposing the appointment of a Joint Select Committee, to consist of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of taking into consideration an amount to be subscribed by the State of Maryland, towards the Centennial Anniversary of 1876, and respectfully concur therein. We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Earle and Walsh.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Mr. Earle submitted the following

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Joint Resolution empowering the Comptroller of the Treasury to employ counsel to assist in the argument of the case of the State vs. The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.

Whereas, The Court of Appeals has ordered the cause of the State of Maryland vs. The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, involving the validity of the Act passed at January Session, 1872, chapter 274, entitled "An Act to regulate the taxation of Coal Mining Companies in this State, for State purposes," to be re-argued on Wednesday, 11th inst.; *and whereas*, very important interests of the State are involved in said cause; *and whereas*, at the instance of the Comptroller, John H. Handy, Esq., of Baltimore city, heretofore very fully argued the said cause in the Court of Appeals. *Therefore, Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Comptroller, be and he is hereby authorized to contract with said John H. Handy and I. Nevitt Steele, Esqrs., or some other able counsel, to assist the Attorney General in the re-argument of said cause, *provided* the sum agreed to be paid to said assistant counsel, shall not exceed five hundred dollars to each of said counsel.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Earle,

The rules were suspended, so as to give said Resolution a second reading this day, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,
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