

FRIDAY, April 3rd, 1874.

The House met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Kinzer.

Present at the call of the roll, the following members:

Messrs. Hines, (Speaker,) Colton, Henkle, Robinson, Bird, Turner, of Calvert, Lancaster, Hawkins, Keech, Matthews, Merryman, Turner, of Baltimore county, Banks, Seth, Valliant, Coulbourn, Duer, Johnson, Hodson, Turner, of Cecil, Mackey, Davis, Robey, Thompson, Kemp, Merrill, Koons, Miller, Lamar, Nicodemus, Annan, Riley, Williams, McCosker, T. H. Hamilton, McWilliams, Foster, Stewart, of Baltimore city, McAleese, Gill, Greenfield, Joyce, Grimes, Stake, Clark, Wier, Wack, Park, Brace, Vanderford, Galt, Brown, Maclin, Stewart, of Howard, Leonard, Bedsworth, West, Glotfelty—58.

Mr. Leonard submitted the following

#### JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Doubt exists of the propriety of any officer of the State of Maryland receiving from any Railroad, Steamboat or Vessel as public carriers, a free pass either for one year or the fraction of a year.

*And Whereas,* It has become common for all the officers of the State, from the Executive down, to receive from these Railroads and Steamboats passes, and especially members of the General Assembly, contrary to good policy and greatly to the delay of the general business, and against the public interest; therefore,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates,* That from and after the expiration of the privileges or passes now granted, it shall not be lawful for any Railroad or Steamboat to issue any passes for one year, or the fraction of a year, to any officer of the State of Maryland, either general or local, except said officer shall be an officer in said Railroad or Steamboat Company.

*And be it further Resolved,* That the acceptance by any officer of the State, either general or local, of such a pass, shall be regarded as a violation of the provisions of these Resolutions, and a virtual resignation and declension of the office to which he has been elected or appointed; and the person or persons in whom is vested the authority to fill va-