

SATURDAY, April 4th, 1874.

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

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

Messrs. Hines, (Speaker,) Colton, Merritt, Henkle, Robinson, Bird, Turner, of Calvert, Hawkins, Keech, Seth, Valiant, Duer, Gordy, Turner, of Cecil, Mackey, Davis, Etchison, Latchford, Thompson, Kemp, Pruitt, Merrill, Miller, Nicodemus, Annan, Grafton, Lee, Riley, Williams, McCosker, T. H. Hamilton, C. R. Hamilton, Gill, McColgan, Joyce, Groh, Grimes, Stake, Clark, Fletchall, Wack, Park, Waters, Vanderford, Galt, Brown, Maclin, Stewart, of How'd, Leonard, Bedsworth, West, Glotfelty—52.

Mr. Banks presented a memorial of citizens of Baltimore county, in reference to the Parkton and Manchester Rail Road.

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore county delegation.

Mr. Koons submitted the following

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, It is proposed to fittingly celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States from the domination of British authority and the condition of slavery incident to that relation;

And whereas, It is right and proper that Maryland, being one of the original States of this Union, should participate in this expression of public appreciation of the grandest and most successful effort ever made in the world's history for the establishment and permanent maintenance of the rights of man to self-government, leading by the natural and unavoidable logic of events to the final and complete vindication of his rights before the civilized world as a freeman and a citizen, entitled, without respect to race, color, or previous condition of servitude, to whatever had hitherto only been conceded to favored classes; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, the Senate concurring, That we respectfully recommend to the favorable consideration of the next General Assembly of this State, the passage of an Act making a liberal appropriation in behalf of the objects and purposes contemplated in this most worthy and patriotic effort to perpetuate the feelings and sentiments which actuated our fathers in the victorious struggle which they made to secure the liberty and independence of our beloved country.