

February 24th, 1874.

To the Honorable the Members of the Senate

and the House of Delegates of Maryland:

The undersigned, a Committee of the City Council of Baltimore, respectfully submit herewith the accompanying preamble and resolutions adopted by both Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, expressive of the sense of that Body, in opposition to a reduction of the "Park Tax," now asked for by the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company. The Committee respectfully request the reading of the preamble and resolutions in both Houses of the General Assembly, and such favorable consideration of the same as to your Honorable Bodies may seem fit.

And as in duty bound, &c.

WARFIELD T. BROWNING,

JAMES BOND,

CHARLES W. CHANCELLOR,

First Branch.

HENRY D. LONEY,

C. A. WHEELER,

GEORGE A. KIRK,

Second Branch.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, A memorial hath been presented to the General Assembly by the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company, asking a modification of the present laws in relation to the Park tax imposed upon it, in accordance with its original contract with the city, for the purpose of obtaining legislation to either abolish or abate the said tax; and

Whereas, A Select Committee to whom the memorial was referred, of which Committee one of the Baltimore City Senators (Mr. Blake) is Chairman, in accordance with the prayers of the memorialists, has reported and recommended that the Park tax, which the several Passenger Railways in the city of Baltimore are required to pay, shall be reduced from one-fifth of the gross receipts to one-half cent upon each adult passenger; and

Whereas, By ordinance of the city of Baltimore of July 21st, 1860, No. 60, confirmed by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1861, chapter 29, it was provided as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the Commissioners appointed under a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, entitled "Resolution appointing a Commission in relation to the