

President and Directors of said Company, or a majority of them, to issue the bonds of the said Company, to an amount not exceeding \$50,000.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee Corporations.

Also,

The House bill entitled an Act for the relief of Biscoe Adams, one of the securities on the official bond of Rob. J. Bean, former Collector of State taxes for St. Mary's county.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee Finance.

Mr. Walsh submitted the following

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, There is a deep sympathy felt upon the part of a large number of the adopted citizens of this country, residing in Maryland, and of Irish nativity, which is shared by those who are citizens by birth, in the continued imprisonment attended by rigorous, and it is said, cruel treatment of numbers of State prisoners convicted of being engaged in a hostile movement against the peace and integrity of the existing Government of Great Britain, and known as "Fenians," and now confined in the jails of that country.

And whereas, It being eminently proper that an appeal should be made to the clemency and magnanimity of that illustrious lady, so renowned for those estimable qualities, which, as either wife, mother or Queen, have gained for her the affection and respect of the entire civilized world, to use the prerogative of the Crown she so worthily wears, in granting a boon to those unfortunate men, which will restore them to liberty and their families, and which will be so gratifying to the vast majority of the people of Ireland, and to every lover of humanity wherever found; therefore—

Be it Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, be and they are hereby requested to urge upon the Government of this country, the propriety of its directing its Minister at the Court of St. James, to use all proper and honorable means consistent with his position, in obtaining from the Government of Great Britain, the release of those Irish political prisoners now incarcerated in the jails of that country, for their alleged connection with a conspiracy against the said Government, known as the "Fenian Movement."

Which was read the first time.