

*Be it Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,* That in the capacity of the chosen representatives of the people, we view, with alarm, the effort now being made before the General Assembly by the railway corporations of the city to trample down, with impunity, the interest of our city, without her consent, and in direct violation of the wishes of her people, and the solemn contract existing between the city and Railway Companies in the provision of said Companies charters; and—

*Be it further Resolved,* That we, in the name of the people, do enter this our solemn protest against the passage of any Act by the General Assembly, assuming to absolve the railway corporations from the faithful performance of any of the provisions of their charter; and—

*Be it further Resolved,* That we call upon all the Representatives from the several Legislative Districts of Baltimore city, and all other Members of the General Assembly, who desire to do justice and not injury to the Metropolis of the State, of which every Marylander should be proud, to look well to the interests of the city, and use every honorable effort to defeat the measure now before them, in the interest of the Railway Companies, and against the interests of Baltimore city, and regard this the people's call for protection at your hands, and their protest against the passage of the measure alluded to above, which can only be considered as taking from the city that which belongs to her, and that without her consent.

(Signed,)

JOSHUA VANSANT,

*Mayor.*

OTIS KEILHOLTZ,

*President of the First Branch.*

HENRY SEIM,

*President of the Second Branch.*

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved March 17th, 1874, the original of which is now on file in the City Register's office.

(Seal's Place.)

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of Baltimore city, this 17th day of March, 1874.

HENRY DUVAL,

*Deputy Register.*

Which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Fields,

Ordered to be printed.