

opinion of your committee, the surrender of its exemption from the equal and uniform taxation to which all other corporations are subject, is a fair and moderate and reasonable price to pay for so great a franchise. The opportunity now afforded for the recovery of what Governor Jackson aptly called the indispensable sovereign right of taxation, is too favorable to be lost, and your committee earnestly urge that it should be resolutely and firmly availed of.

Equal justice requires that the exemption enjoyed by the Northern Central Railway Company should also be annulled, and for this reason, the bill amending the charter of the Baltimore Belt Railroad Company is made to apply to that corporation also.

And that this important purpose may be the more effectually accomplished, your Committee have now under consideration the bill introduced by a delegate from Montgomery, (Mr. Laird,) repealing the Act of 1880, chapter 16.

The practical results of the adoption of these proposed measures will be a large addition to the revenue of the State, derived by the just application to these two great corporations of that measure of equal and uniform taxation prescribed by our Bill of Rights.

Respectfully submitted,

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Which was read, and ordered spread on Journal.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The hour of 1.30 having arrived, the House considered the Order of the Day, being

House Resolution on the subject of tariff reform.

Mr. Sams submitted the following proposed amendment: