

By Mr. Robinson,

Senate bill entitled an Act to refund to John C. Tucker, late collector of taxes of Harford county, \$11.95 erroneously paid by him.

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

By Mr. Wirt,

Senate bill entitled an Act to amend Article 45, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Husband and Wife," by adding thereto additional sections under a sub-title "Desertion," providing for the support of wives and children.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

By Mr. Wootton,

Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Montgomery county to refund to Sarah A. Elliott, of said county, a sum of money erroneously paid.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Messrs. Wootton, Hepbron and Wirt.

### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Hayes presented the following Joint Resolutions:

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the destruction of the bonds of the Exchange Loan of 1889, acquired by the exchange of the preferred stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, as authorized by Article 12, section 3, of the Constitution.

Whereas, the Board of Public Works, by virtue of authority contained in Article 12, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, did exchange at 1.30 the State's interest as stockholder and creditor in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, amounting to \$968,615.70 of the preferred stock at its face value, paying 6 per cent. and cash to the amount of 77.69 for \$1,242,300.00 of the bonds of the Exchange Loan of 1889, and did cause the same to be credited to a sinking fund for said loan; and it is eminently right and proper that said bonds should be destroyed and the debt of the State lessened to the amount of same.