

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, &c.

The President presented the following :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Baltimore, March 24th, 1892.

Hon. Edward Lloyd,

President Maryland Senate, Annapolis, Md:

Dear Sir. --I enclose herewith a copy of a resolution passed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. Will you be kind enough to lay it before the House over which you preside.

Assuring you of my best wishes, I have the honor to be,

Yours, very truly,

FERDINAND C. LATROBE,

Mayor.

*Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland.*

Whereas, There is now pending before the General Assembly a bill to amend the fifteenth Article of the Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, The special local interests of Baltimore city may be seriously injured by the rigid enforcement of tax laws that may seem to be beneficial to the counties; and

Whereas, The local tax rate for the support of Municipal Government is much greater than the general tax rate for State purposes; and

Whereas, The present tax laws and the proposed reassessment laws make no distinction in taxation between different kinds of property, but require both the State and city tax rates to fall equally upon all kinds of property within the city of Baltimore; and

Whereas, A much greater revenue can be had both for State and city purposes if a lighter local tax rate be imposed upon certain forms of personal property or improvements of real estate; therefore be it

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That in the name of the people of Baltimore they respectfully request the General Assembly of the State that said bill be amended so as to permit the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, by ordinance, to such extent as may seem to them expedient, to exempt any species of personal property or improve-