

Which was read a first time, and referred to Messrs. Dodson, Fitzjarrell and Goldsborough.

Also, the following

### JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, A portion of the press of this State has alleged that the officials of the State, have abused the trust confided to them, more particularly the Treasurer and Comptroller of the Treasury, by using the funds of the State for their own private gain and emolument, by depositing the said funds with certain parties, and receiving a consideration for such deposits, and

*Whereas*, As a matter of justice to the parties thus charged and as conducive to the best interests of the State, it is proper that the truth or falsehood of such charges should be fully inquired into; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland. First*, That a committee of seven, consisting of three members on the part of the Senate, and four on the part of the House of Delegates be appointed, whose duty it shall be to enquire into and report as soon as practicable to the General Assembly, whether or not at anytime since January 1863, the funds of the State have been so used and perverted, by being loaned or deposited with any individual, bank, corporation or association of persons, for a consideration or compensation.

*Second*. If for such consideration or compensation, then its value, its terms, and to or by whom it was to be paid, and whether it has been paid.

*Be it resolved*, That the said committee shall also examine fully into the accounts of such officers, - in their several departments, and ascertain whether the expenditures of the funds of the State have been in conformity with law.

*Be it resolved*, That in this connection the said committee shall also enquire into the particular charge made by a portion of the press of this State, as to an attempt on the part of the Comptroller of the Treasury, to procure by false representation the passage of a bill to grant a pension to a man from Somerset county in this State, who was not entitled to the same.

*Be it resolved*, That the said committee shall have power to summon witnesses, to administer oaths in due form of law, to send for person and papers, and to report by bill or otherwise.