

Mr. Donaldson submitted the following order :

ORDERED, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be requested to furnish to this House, from the books and documents in his office, a detailed statement of the amounts of moneys at different times loaned, paid or made over by the State to or for the benefit of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, since the passage of the Act of 1826, ch. 123, in the form of stock subscriptions or otherwise, and also upon what account, and with a further statement of the amounts for which, and of the times from which, in each instance, the State has guaranteed the stock or bonds of said Company, or lent its credit for such purpose or purposes, or any other to said Company, stating in every instance the yearly interest at 6 per centum on every principal amount from the time it was loaned, paid or made over, to the present time.

And be it further ordered, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be also requested to furnish the like statement with regard to the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, dating from the passage of the Act of 1830, ch. 158.

And be it further ordered, That the Comptroller be also requested, in the case of each of said railroads in each account, to state the amounts from time to time paid by each of said Companies to, or for the benefit of the State, with interest stated in like manner.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hinks submitted the following order :

WHEREAS, It has been charged in the public press and elsewhere, that at the General Assembly of this State, held in 1874, there was a system of extortion practiced by certain persons and their agents, whereby a price was demanded and required to be pledged and paid, in order to secure legislation upon matters concerning monetary transactions, appropriations and grants of franchises, etc.

And whereas, It has been likewise charged that the moneys appropriated by said General Assembly, for the use and benefit of various institutions, corporations, &c., and notably in regard to the appropriation made for the University of Maryland, were not wholly and entirely applied to the purposes for which the same were appropriated, but that a portion of said moneys was exacted, pledged and paid for the purpose of securing the enactment or passage of the law making said appropriations, or for reimbursing persons for money by them paid or advanced to secure such legislation.