

Road passes, that said Rail Road should be constructed, and to that end, that the State should forthwith exercise its rights as the only *bona fide* stockholder of the same; therefore.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, First,* That a Committee consisting of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Delegates respectively, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inquire and report to the General Assembly of Maryland whether the said subscription by the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, to the capital stock of the Southern Maryland Rail Road Company, was induced to be made by false and fraudulent representations.

Second. Whether the said sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars, or any part thereof, was induced to be paid by the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, to said Southern Maryland Rail Road Company, by false and fraudulent representations.

Third. What disposition has been made by said Southern Maryland Rail Road Company, or any officer thereof, of said sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars.

Fourth. Whether any other stockholder than the State of Maryland is a *bona fide* stockholder of said Company, and what is the best course for this State to pursue in connection with its interests in said Company.

Fifth. That said Committee shall have power and authority to summon witnesses, to take testimony under oath in due form of law, to send for persons and papers, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Which were read a first time.

Mr. Loane, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act for the incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Loane moved that said bill be read a second time this day, under the provisions of the Constitution, Section 27, Article 3.

The question recurring upon concurring in the motion,