

vestigations, as was done in the Canal investigation, upon frivolous grounds, and yet to refuse to exercise power, which they have, and which the highest interests of the State's demand should be fully, fearlessly and impartially put in force against the plunderers of the State Treasury.

Another reason is, that I am a member of the Democratic party, and have at heart the success of that party, upon which, in my opinion, under God depends the salvation of our republican institutions, and I believe action like this proposed will dishonor that party, and is but a servile imitation of radical precedent.

Mr. Snowden also submitted the following Joint Resolutions:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Attorney General, be and he is hereby directed to take such measures as may be necessary to secure the rendering by the Southern Maryland Railroad Company, of a full and particular account of the expenditures by it made, of the moneys subscribed by the State of Maryland, to the Stock of said Company, and of the disposition of it made and of all other assets of said Company.*

Which was considered.

Mr. Donaldson submitted the following amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Add to Resolutions "and that the evidence taken and reported, be handed over to the Attorney General, and he is hereby directed to take such steps, civil and criminal, as the facts brought out in Southern Maryland Railroad investigation, may, in his judgment, as the legal representative of the State of Maryland, seem proper.

Which was adopted.

The Resolution as amended,

Was then read a first time,

Mr. Donaldson moved a suspension of the rules that said resolution be read a second time this day.

The question recurring upon concurring in the motion,

The yeas and nays were called and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.

Dunbar,

Mattingly,

Boyer,

Usilton,

Hodges,

Riggs,

Hinks,

Koons,

Vandiver,

Culbreth,

Albaugh,

Sanders,

Fenton,

Scott,

Farrow,