

On motion of Mr. Neal,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Neal, Cockey and Dunbar, to introduce a bill to repeal Section 156, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Queen Anne's County," sub-title "Surveyor."

Mr. Donaldson submitted the following Joint Resolutions:
JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, By an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the December Session, 1830, chapter 158, there were granted to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the survey, location, construction and use of the Washington Branch Railroad all the powers, rights and privileges, which they were by their charter empowered and authorized to have and exercise, in the survey, location, construction and use of the railroad from the City of Baltimore to the Ohio river, subject to the same conditions and restrictions, except where otherwise provided by this Act (the Act of 1830, chapter 158)

And whereas, By section five (5) of said Act of 1830, ch. 158, it is expressly provided that nothing in said Act contained shall be so construed to preclude the Legislature of this State from the imposition of such taxes as shall be reasonable and just, in accordance with the burthens imposed on other real or personal property.

And whereas, The supplement to said Act passed at December Session, 1832, chapter 175, and, as well as the before named Act, accepted by said Company, expressly declares that the whole amount of stock subscribed for the construction of said Washington Branch Railroad shall be considered as a separate and distinct stock forever.

And whereas, It is the sense of this General Assembly, in view of the provisions referred to, that nothing in the Act incorporating said Company, or in any of its supplements which may have been or might be in the future construed as exempting from taxation the capital stock of said Company, can or ought to apply to said Washington Branch Railroad, or any of the works connected therewith, or any part of the capital of said road, as defined in section 5, of the Act passed at December Session, 1831, chapter 330, and section 3, of the Act passed at December Session, 1832, chapter 175.

And whereas, Through a misapprehension of the rights of the State in the premises, the property, real and personal of said Washington Branch Railroad, and the entire capital, defined as aforesaid of the same has heretofore escaped taxation:

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it is the duty of the assessors and tax collectors of the several