

Mr. Donaldson, (the rules being suspended,) submitted the following

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby directed to proceed at once to enforce by legal process, the payment to the State, out of the net profits of the Washington Branch Railroad, for the six months ending September 30th, 1875, the State's proportionate dividend upon the shares of stock of said road held by the State, as well as all other dividends that should properly have been made, and paid over to the State upon its said stock at any time, whether semi-annually or tri-ennially, as the same may have been from time to time required, to be paid to the stockholders of said Washington Branch, by Section 5 of chapter 330. of the Acts of Assembly passed at January Session, 1831.

And be it further resolved, That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby directed to bring suit forthwith against the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company for whatever difference there may be between the amount during the period, from January 1st, 1839, to the passage of the Legal-Tender Act by the Congress of the United States, transmitted to London by said Company, to pay the 5 per cent. gold interest on the sterling bonds of the State, issued for said Company's benefit, and the yearly 6 per cent. dividend or interest payable up to the last named time in gold by said Company to the State, on its preferred stock in said Company.

Which were read a first time, and

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, made the order of the day for Friday, March 10th, at 10 o'clock, P. M.

The House, then at 4 P. M., took a recess until 8 o'clock, P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

THURSDAY, March 9th, 1876.

The House met at 8 P. M.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Smith, (Speaker,) Mattingly, Boyer, Usilton, Hodges, Robinson, Kullman, Bird, Lancaster, Baldwin, Whitelock, Fitzjarrell, Dodson, Lankford, Gunby, Ford, Lambdin, Waters, of Dor., Briscoe, Constable, Ward, Snowden, Hance, Gwynn, Neal, Purnell, Onley, Riggs, Hinks, Nail, Koons, Rutledge, Boyle, Culbreth, Rusk, Berkemeier,