

Was reconsidered, when

Mr. Humphreys submitted the following amendment:

Strike out "5" and insert "7;" strike out "2" and insert "3;" stike out "3" and instert "4" and strike out "Hospital for the Insane at Spring Grove."

Which was adopted.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the message, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The President appointed as said Committee, Messrs. Humphreys, McCulloh and Suit.

Said message was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Mudd submitted the following

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has been represented that the subscription by the Treasurer of this State to the capital stock of the Southern Maryland Railroad Company, to the amount of one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars, under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 30th, 1868, entitled, an Act to aid in construction of works of Internal Improvements in St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties, was procured by false and fraudulent representations of certain officers of said Company, and that the said sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars has been paid over to said Company by the State Treasurer, upon the like false and fraudulent statements of certain officers of said Company.

And whereas, It is represented that the said Southern Maryland Railroad Company has ceased all work on its road for nearly two years past, is bankrupt, and yet has not expended said sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars upon its Railroad, but has misappropriated the same.

And whereas, It is further represented that the State of Maryland is the only *bona fide* stockholder of said Southern Maryland Railroad Company.

And whereas, It is important to the people of this State, and more especially to the people of Prince George's, Charles and St. Mary's counties, through which counties said Railroad passes, that said Railroad 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