

copies of the Maryland Reports are now authorized by law to be distributed, and the residue to sell or exchange for such other books as may be required in the State Library; *provided, nevertheless*, that he shall retain thirty-five copies in the Library for the use thereof.

No. 10.

Assented to
Feb. 14, 1866.

WHEREAS, it has been made known to the Legislature of Maryland, that the purpose exists to introduce into the House of Representatives of the United States a bill authorizing the construction, by the Northern Central Railway Company, or by other parties acting therewith, of a railroad from some point on the line of the said Northern Central Railway or from its terminus in the city of Baltimore, to the city of Washington; *and whereas*, the said Northern Central Railway Company owes its corporate existence within this State, and all the privileges which it here enjoys, to the State of Maryland, and was built to a large extent, as far as the borough of York, in the State of Pennsylvania, by the aid of the credit and means of this State, and was afterwards relieved, by the generosity of this State, from one million and a half of dollars of indebtedness, due thereto, in order that its opportunities for usefulness might be restored; *and whereas*, notwithstanding the conduct of this State, in the premises, it is understood, that the said Northern Central Railway Company is seeking, without the sanction of this State, authority from Congress to build a line through Maryland territory, and to the city of Washington, to the injury of the revenue which this State derives from works, which it has hitherto authorized to be constructed, and which revenue this State regarded as a fit return for its grant of eminent domain; *and whereas*, it is well known, that the double track, now existing on the road between the city of Baltimore and the city of Washington, (which road was authorized, and is largely