No. 4.

THE Committee on Claims to which was referred an order of the House of the second day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, instructing them to re-adjust the mileage of the members of the General Assembly, respectfully report, that the Constitution of Maryland provides that the members of the General Assembly shall receive a per diem of four dollars and such mileage as may be allowed by law; this constitutional provision seems to justify the conclusion, that while the per diem of members is fixed and unchangeable, their mileage is left to be adjusted according to the varying circumstances which might arise, the Committee having in view the peculiar and unprecedented condition of the currency of the country at this time, and the greatly enhanced cost of travel and living in consequence thereof, have deemed it just and right to provide as near as may be for equalizing the compensation of members, with that of previous Legislatures, and, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Joint Resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the sum of one hundred dollars, in addition to their usual mileage, be paid to each of the Senators and Delegates of the General Assembly.

Assented to March 9, 1864.