

It is the opinion of the committee that the investigation is not complete, and that although the evidence before them may be full on many points, yet a more thorough investigation as to the whole facts in relation to the subject, might be profitably pursued, and lead to a more just and beneficial result.

Occupied on various other committees, and with a continued attention to their ordinary legislative duties, the committee have not had sufficient time to examine into the business connection of the Bank of Maryland, and the Union Bank of Maryland, and the General Insurance Company. It is believed that all matters connected with the two last corporations that have a bearing upon any of the transactions of the Bank of Maryland, should be thoroughly investigated, and that the relations of the Insurance Company to the said bank should likewise be ascertained. The committee likewise state that from their limited time, their inquiries have not extended to the Susquehanna Bank. The session of the General Assembly being about to terminate, it is impracticable further to prosecute the investigation, and the committee therefore ask leave to offer the following resolutions.

JOHN B. SEIDENSTRICKER, Chairman.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Baker, John King, D. Keener, Dr. P. McCauley and Francis J. Dallam, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to investigate the affairs and determine the cause of the failure of the Bank of Maryland and other insolvent institutions, which were referred to a select committee in the commencement of this session, and to report :

1st. As to the causes of the failure of said institutions ?

2nd. Whether any frauds upon or abstractions of the funds of the bank or other insolvent institutions have been committed, when and by whom ?

3rd. Where the missing funds of the said bank and institutions now are, and by whom due, and by whose authority the same were taken from said bank and other institutions ?

4th. Be it further resolved, That the said commissioners shall have power to send for persons and papers, that they shall conduct their enquiries under oath, and hear the persons interested in the said enquiries, or their results either in person or by attorney, and that the said commissioners may compel the attendance of witnesses, production of books and papers as a court may, and publish their report with all the testimony which has and may be taken in the case by George and William Johnston of Annapolis, provided they will do it as cheap as it can be done in Baltimore, on the subjects aforesaid, on or before the fifteenth day of July next, and the sheriff of the different counties in Maryland shall obey their orders as those of a court of record, and that said commissioners may appoint a clerk, and each of them, shall with him receive the sum of three dollars per day, for every day they may be in attendance on the duties imposed on them by these resolutions, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland,