

Leave was granted to Messrs. Hammond, Braddock and Graves, to bring in a bill to repeal an act entitled, an act to authorise the banks of the State of Maryland to receive and pay out the orders of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company on the stock of the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Nicols of Caroline,

Leave was granted to the committee on the retrenchment of public expenditures, to introduce a bill to alter and amend the constitution so as to abolish the annual sessions of the Legislature, and to substitute biennial sessions; and to take the sense of the people upon this question at the next annual election.

On motion of Mr. Geyer,

Ordered, That a special committee of nine be appointed, to be called the committee on the constitution, to consider and report such amendment as may be deemed desirable in the constitution of this State;

Whereupon, Messrs. Geyer, Carmichael, Graves, Maccubbin, Staley, Causin, Spencer, Darby and Gott were appointed said committee.

Mr. Biser submitted the following order,

Ordered, That the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company report to this house at as early a day as possible, what amount of State bonds have been sold or hypothecated by said company in the year 1841, to whom sold, at what price, what amount of Rail Road orders have been issued by said company in the year 1838, '39, '40 and 41, what amount of said notes were of a denomination of one dollar and upwards, what amount of a denomination less than a dollar, what was the largest amount in circulation at any one time, what amount is now in circulation. If any of said notes have been redeemed, at what time, and in what manner they have been redeemed, in what currency, whether by gold or silver, in current bank notes, or by the re-issue of other rail road notes; also to report to this house the amount of State or other bonds the company have, that are unsold and not hypothecated, what are the debts and liabilities of said company, what ability the company have to redeem said orders, and to discharge said liabilities; also to report what changes, if any, have been made in the year 1841, in the freight of flour and other articles, transported on said rail road, and what has been the cause of said change?

Which was read;

Mr. Buskirk moved to lay said order on the table,

On the question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Said order was then amended by adding thereto the following, "and whether the proceeds of said bonds not disposed of, may not with advantage be directed by the Legislature to be applied to the purchase of the stock orders issued by said company;"

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order as amended, and it was