

"Sec. 2nd. And be it enacted, That before this act shall go into operation, the said Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, shall reduce the charge for freight on both the Main Stem and the Washington Branch, to four cents per ton per mile, in full of all charge and that the said company shall, at the time of receiving said freight, have the same weighed and the weight marked thereon, Provided, that the maximum of charge per ton per mile, upon the said road, upon the articles of flour, grain, corn, oats, tobacco, whiskey, coal, iron, lime, ore, lumber, manures and all articles to be converted into manure to be used for agricultural purposes, stone, wood, fish and salt, shall not exceed three cents per ton per mile ;"

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Calvert,

Said bill was amended by inserting after the word "first," in the 3rd section fourth line the words "and second."

The said bill having been read through as amended,

The question was put,

"Shall the said bill pass ?"

Resolved in the affirmative,

And the bill sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bowie, chairman of the select committee, delivered the following

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Of the select committee to whom was committed the resolutions relating to the State's claim against the United States for monies advanced by the State for the use and benefit of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

Whereas, the State of Maryland has a large unsettled claim against the government of the United States, for monies advanced by the State for the "use and benefit of the United States during the late war with Great Britain ;" and whereas the justice and legality of said claim has been heretofore acknowledged by an act passed at the first session of the nineteenth Congress "directing the accounting officers of the Treasury, to liquidate and settle the claims of the State of Maryland against the United States, for interest on loans or monies borrowed and actually expended by her for the use and benefit of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain," and whereas the State of Maryland is largely involved in debt, and unable to fulfil her engagements with her creditors, and prosecute to completion her principal works of internal improvement, without bringing into immediate and energetic employment, all her available resources. Therefore

Resolved, That Benjamin C. Howard and John S. Skinner, Esq., be, and they are hereby appointed agents, on the part of this State, to liquidate and settle the said claim with the government of the United States, on such just and equitable terms as may be practicable, and as a means of enabling them speedily to accomplish this important object ; be it further