

and preserved them from the immediate calamities of civil war, and which promises to observe the guarantees of the Constitution, and the domestic privileges of the people of the several States.

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Donaldson, from the committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, That the State of Maryland hereby declares its intention to assume and pay its quota of the direct tax imposed by the act of Congress of August 6th, 1861, and the Governor is requested to communicate this resolution to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States;

Which was read the first, and by special order, the second time, and passed by yeas and nays as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r,	McIntire,	Wolf,
Westcott,	Morton,	Stockdale,
Smyth,	Duvall,	Christopher,
Walton,	Bowie,	Hugg,
Dunbar,	McCollister,	Taylor,
Nutwell,	Kemp,	Mathews,
Jerome,	Purnell,	Pearson,
Given,	Hammond, of Fr.,	Findlay,
Ensor,	Coale,	Herbert,
Pearce,	Buhrman,	Thomas,
Harrison,	Biggs,	Rohrer,
Kerr,	Johnson, of Fr.,	Dunlop,
Dougherty,	Harris, of Fr.;	White,
Wright,	McCoy,	Chamberlain,
Turner,	Dove,	Little,
Phelps,	Hardcastle,	Everhart,
Carroll,	Willis,	Waters,
Leckie,	Price,	Hammond, How.,
Creswell,	Warner,	Donaldson—57.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Bond,

Magruder—2.

The said resolution was then sent to the Senate.

The bill entitled, An act to amend the 37th article, of the Code of Public General Laws, by repealing the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5th sections, of said article relating to the competency of witnesses, and inserting in said article in lieu of the sections so repealed, the following sections relating to the competency of witnesses and the examination of parties;