

of that month, the company held reconsidered its former action, and that the demand for the delivery of the property of the company would not be complied with.

At this stage of the investigation, your committee became satisfied that the validity of the election of the officers of said company, being purely a judicial question, could not properly be determined by this House, and that it would be a useless expenditure of money on the part of the State to proceed further with the examination. They have, therefore, dismissed all the witnesses summoned before them, and have concluded to submit the following resolution for the action of this House:

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Maryland, That it appearing to this House, that a controversy has arisen in regard to the election and qualification of the officers of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company, which can only be determined by the Judicial Tribunals of the State, the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested and directed, not to pay over any further sum or sums of money on account of the State's subscription to the stock of said company, until it shall be legally ascertained and declared by said Judicial Tribunals or by a new election, who are the duly elected officers of said company, and to whom such payment should be made; and that the the records, books, papers, seal and other property of said company, now in the charge of the committee of investigation heretofore appointed by this House, be returned to the custody and keeping of the person or persons, who delivered the same to the said committee; and that thereupon the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,
R. S. MATHEWS,
JNO. S. GIVEN.

Which was read, the report adopted and ordered to be printed:

[See Document H.]

Mr. Donaldson, from the select committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled, An act to repeal so much of article 4, of the Code of Public Local Laws for the city of Baltimore, as relates to the inspection of tobacco, commencing with section 495 and ending with section 551 both inclusive, and to add to said article, under the head of tobacco new sections making other provision for the inspection of tobacco, reported favorably upon the bill;

Which report was received and the bill read the second time.