

TUESDAY, February 7th, 1860.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Mayor and City Council of Washington, covering resolutions in relation to the Washington and Baltimore Rail Road :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, 6th Feb., 1860.

HON. JOHN B. BROOKE,

President of the Senate,

Annapolis, Md.:

Sir:—I have the honor herewith to communicate “Joint Resolutions of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council of the city of Washington, asking the State of Maryland to remove the tax imposed upon passengers on the Washington and Baltimore Railroad,” with the request that you will lay it before the body over which you preside.

I have the honor to be,

Very resp’y,

Your ob’t serv’t,

JAMES G. BERRET,

Mayor.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Asking the State of Maryland to remove the tax imposed upon passengers on the Washington and Baltimore Railroad.

Whereas, It is apparent to the Board of Aldermen, and to the Board of Common Council of the city of Washington, that the reservation of the State of Maryland of one-fifth part of the gross sum paid to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company by persons travelling between Washington and Baltimore, keeps the fare between the two cities at a higher rate than would otherwise be maintained ;

And whereas, The said Board of Aldermen and the said Board of Common Council, are aware that the said one-fifth part of the said fare as aforesaid, is now claimed by the State of Maryland over the whole distance between Washington and Baltimore, and not as was originally designed when said road was first authorized, between the Relay House and Washington ;

And whereas, The Congress of the United States, and the Corporation of Washington, did never ask or demand any