

ity, and if this law violates any contract, or affects the plighted faith of the State to any degree, its constitutionality and validity will in all probability be determined in the proper forum.

We sincerely hope that the proposition submitted by us may meet the favorable consideration of this House; but if it does not, we have discharged our duty to the State and our constituency in presenting it to their calm and dispassionate consideration. The details of the proposition will fully appear by reference to the Resolutions reported by us, and the bill accompanying the same, to carry them into effect, if adopted.

Which was read.

Also, reported the following

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Relating to the demands of the State of Maryland against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the one-fifth of the whole amount collected and received by said Company for the transportation of passengers on the Washington Branch Railroad of said Company, and not hitherto paid into the Treasury of the State of Maryland:

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor is hereby authorized to employ additional counsel to assist the Attorney General in instituting all proper proceedings by suit at Law, or by bill in Equity, to enforce the demands of the State of Maryland against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, growing out of the neglect and refusal, on the part of said Company, to pay into the Treasury of the State the one-fifth of the whole amount collected and received by the said Company for the transportation of passengers on the Washington Branch Railroad of the said Company, and not hitherto paid into the Treasury of the State, as also to enforce any and all other claims and demands which the said State may have against the said Company for or on any account whatsoever.

Resolved, That in case the said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall, within ten days after the passage, by the General Assembly, of the Act accompanying these resolutions, and after the same shall have become a law, by good and sufficient deed, release the State of Maryland from all claims and demands for or on account of any payment by it heretofore made of interest due by the State on the sterling debt of the State, and shall furthermore, within said ten days, pay into the Treasury of the State of Maryland, for the use thereof, so much of the one-fifth of the whole amount collected and received by the said Company for the transporta-