

It was content to rely upon the justice of the General Assembly for the liquidation of its counter-claims against the State.

The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars a year was suggested as a reasonable and adequate equivalent, because it is more than the State could claim by way of taxation, if the entire common stock and preferred stock of the Main Stem, and the entire stock of the Washington Branch Road, excepting only the stock belonging to the State of Maryland, and to the City of Baltimore, were subjected to State taxation.

A State tax at nineteen cents on the hundred dollars, upon the entire stock of the Main Stem and Washington Branch, with the exceptions already noted, would amount to the annual sum of \$24,838.78.

If the State tax be reduced by the amount of the direct tax, viz: three cents upon one hundred dollars, this reduction would be equal to \$3,921.91; so that, in that event, the sum of \$25,000 per year would thus exceed the whole amount of tax on the stock of the Main Stem and Washington Branch, as stated, by the sum of \$4,083.13.

Which was read.

Mr. Groome, Chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was recommitted

The Joint Resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use all proper means to induce Congress to refund the tax collected on raw cotton during the years 1865, 1866 and 1867, to the persons who paid the same,

Reported back the same favorably, together with proposed Senate amendment.

#### AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Amend by striking out all after the word "Maryland," and insert the following:

"That our Senators in Congress are hereby instructed, and our Representatives requested to use all proper means to induce Congress to refund the moneys collected under the law creating a specific tax on raw cotton, during the years 1865, 1866 and 1867, to those who paid the same; and that a copy of this Resolution be furnished His Excellency, the Governor, to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress, from the State of Maryland."

The amendment was adopted, and

The resolutions, as amended, passed by yeas and nays, as follows: