

RESOLUTIONS.

said General Assembly any opportunity of protecting the rights of the citizens of this State, by due form of law enacted by the General Assembly thereof; *and whereas*, by the said bills the exercise of the right of eminent domain is vested in the corporations proposed to be organized thereby, subject only to the qualified supervision of a Justice of a Court of the United States and to Commissioners by him named, and not to a jury of the country formed and sworn in accordance with the invariable usages and laws of this State; *and whereas*, by the said bills, jurisdiction over the rights and property of the people of this State is practically withdrawn from the judicial tribunals organized therein, and in which the people of this State, have a right to claim the adjudication of all questions pertaining to their property in like cases; *and whereas*, the effect of the bills now proposed, would be, if the same became laws and were carried into execution, to destroy the geographical advantages possessed by the city of Baltimore, and greatly to impair the value and utility of those public works, in which the means of the people of this State have been so largely invested; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, That we do hereby earnestly request the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled, not to sanction or authorize the construction of any railroad through this State without giving to the General Assembly thereof, and to all persons interested in such projected road, the fullest opportunity of presenting their views in relation thereto before committees of the two Houses of Congress duly charged with the office of examining the same.

Resolved, That in order that this our resolution heretofore adopted on the fourteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and now again declared as the judgment of this General Assembly, be fitly presented to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, that a committee be appointed to consist of four Members of the Senate, and Speaker and four Member of the House, whose duty it shall be to proceed to