two thirds of the revenue collected, in the way of direct tax, licenses, and otherwise, she should in all justice and fairness, be proportionally represented in the government; but as we would be content, and only ask for an equal, republican basis of representation in the popular branch of the Legislature, we declare, that the spirit that would deny or withhold this small concession from us, is anti-republican, ungenerous, unworthy of the enlightened age in which we live; in fact, is altogether a retrograde view, that wilfully and selfishly blinds itself to the lights of experience, which has now demonstrated beyond cavil or question, that the people are the safest depositories of power, capable and every way worthy of being allowed to govern themselves.

Resolved, That even conceding for a moment, that a government founded upon federal principles is the best for the interest, happiness and prosperity of the people; (which as republicans we utterly deny) yet even the most ultra federalist will contend, that the political power should be in the hands of the wisest, most enterprising, wealthy, and intelligent, whereas it is notorious, that those who now hold the destinies of Maryland under their control, to wit, the small counties, are retrograding in every one of those spiritual requisites, and have been for the last 30 years, as well as in population; so much so, that they have become the perfect dupes of a few worthless vampires and demagogues scattered throughout the State, who manage them so as to advance their own selfish purposes, in utter disregard to the best interests and happiness of the great mass of the people of the commonwealth.

Resolved, That for the purpose of bringing this matter to a happy, triumphant, definite issue, the people of the City of Baltimore, (without regard to the action of the counties,) should proceed as early as practicable to fix a day - giving, of course, to the state authorities full time to act in the premises; upon which, if her just rights as embodied in this paper are not fully and entirely conceded, she will commence withholding her taxes or payments of every kind into the State treasury until those rights are respected and guaranteed to us.

On motion of Mr Soran, the resolutions were laid on the table.

Mr Colton called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on health, relative to a clerk in the office of the board of health.

On motion of Mr Watkins, the resolution was laid on the table

Mr Collins moved to proceed to the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on the harbor on the petition of John Wilson, which was determined in the negative.

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Mr Hach called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of John Hagerty.

Mr Soran offered the following as a substitute

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby directed to refund to John Hagerty, one hundred and thirty eight dollars, and twenty three cents ($138.23) assessed to him as benefits for opening Eden Lane, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Soran moved to recommit the resolution to the committee on claims, which was determined in the negative.

The substitute was lost.

Mr Soran moved to amend the resolution, by adding to the end thereof, the following - which was adopted.

"And that one hundred and thirty eight dollars and twenty three cents paid by John Hagerty, the petitioner, shall be refunded to him by the City Register, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, when the courts shall have decided that Eden Lane shall not be opened".

The resolution as amended was adopted.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read:

Mayor's Office
Baltimore 21st April 1846.

Gentlemen

The enclosed communication has just been received from the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, inviting the Mayor and Council to visit and view an iron bridge recently constructed over Carroll's Run, about 18 miles from the city, on Friday next, which I respectfully communicate to your honorable body. I am authorised to say, should the day not suit your body, any other day named by you will be acceptable to them.

With great respect, I remain
gentlemen Your obt Servt
Jacob G. Davis Mayor.

On motion of Mr Watkins, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to accept the invitation

The Second Branch by message assented thereto.

Mr Brown from the committee submitted the following report which was read:

The joint committee of ways and means, to whom was recommit-

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