

WEDNESDAY, December 4th, 1861.

Mr. Jenkins, the Senator for Charles county, and Mr. Briscoe, the Senator for Calvert county, appeared and took their seats.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a President.

Messrs. Goldsborough, of Talbot, and Briscoe were put in nomination.

The Secretary, on motion,

Appointed Messrs. Everett and Waters as Tellers.

The vote having been taken, resulted as follows :

Mr. Goldsborough, of Talbot, received twelve votes and Mr. Briscoe two votes.

Mr. Goldsborough was then conducted to the Chair, where he qualified before Mr. Smith, the Senator for Carroll county, by taking and subscribing the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and the Act of January Session 1852, entitled an Act to designate the persons before whom oaths of office shall be taken and subscribed, and delivered the following

ADDRESS.

SENATORS :—The vote just announced, while it conveys a flattering expression of your confidence, which I highly appreciate, imposes on me the duties of a position filled with responsibility.

Called together under circumstances unusual, extraordinary, at a period the most trying since the formation of our State, we should gravely consider the best course of legislative policy, with a firm determination to adhere thereto. Distinguished for a loyalty superior to party and for a love of the Union of these States unexampled, Maryland is now called to witness scenes of fraternal strife, from which every patriot's eye would be gladly averted, and to testify anew her devotion to the emblems of our national pride and honor.

The sounds of martial music, accompanied with the military array of a character never before witnessed within our borders, attest the fact that those with whom we have hitherto lived in peace and amity, have, in the madness of the hour, seen fit to appeal to the sword, as the dread arbitrament of those questions, which have heretofore been so satisfactorily adjusted at the ballot-box. However much we may have deprecated this solution of our differences, the sad alternative of *disunion or civil war* is now upon us, and we must meet the crisis as men "who know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain them."