

Resolved in the affirmative.

The said order was then adopted as amended.

In pursuance whereof, the speaker appointed Messrs. Richardson, Brengle, Gardner, Crisfield and McDaniel, to compose the committee.

Mr. Eccleston, submitted the following preamble and resolution,

Whereas, the several sovereign States which now compose this nation, have yielded up and forever surrendered to the government of the United States, many sovereign rights and privileges, and among them, the mail establishment, and the regulation and entire control thereof, which has become a source of much revenue to the country, and an object of peculiar advantage and benefit to national officers; who in the enjoyment of the franking privilege, have been enabled to send much valuable information to their constituents, on subjects deeply interesting and important to them, as citizens of this free and enlightened republic; and believing, from the present prosperous condition of the post office department, that the time has arrived, for the more general diffusion of the advantages and benefits, which would flow from a further extension of the franking privilege—therefore,

Resolved, By the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Franking privilege should be extended to the several Governors of the sovereign states composing this Union.

Resolved, That the Franking privilege should be extended to the members, and chief clerks of the several legislatures of the States of this Union, during their session.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby respectfully requested, to send a copy of the above preamble and resolutions, to the Governor of each of the States of this Union; with a respectful request, that the same may be presented to their several Legislatures.

Resolved further, That the Governor be, and he is hereby respectfully requested, to send a copy of the above preamble and resolutions, to the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States, and solicit their earnest and diligent exertions, to obtain an act of Congress to carry into full effect the purpose and intention of the above resolutions.

Which was read the first time. and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Iglehart, submitted the following resolution,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby