

Barron,	Lee, of Balt. city,	Stewart,
Cock,	Malone,	Stone,
Cummings,	Miller, of A. A.,	Tull,
Darling,	Pennington,	Warner,
Harris,	Pilkington,	Williams—24.
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So the resolutions were laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication:

To the Honorable,

The General Assembly of Maryland:

The undersigned, a citizen of Frederick county, would respectfully bring to your attention the fact, that during the rebel raid into Maryland in July 1864, they robbed and plundered the affrighted citizens of Washington and Frederick counties to their hearts' content, and on the 9th inst., they came to my premises for the same purpose when I and my son, a youth, in a barnyard fight of about two hours, defeated 40 rebel cavalry horse thieves. We killed one and wounded two, one of whom made his escape, but died that day; the other I captured with his equipage, the balance retreated leaving their dead and wounded in my hands. In the evening Major Vernon came up with the 1st Maryland Cavalry, and helped bury the dead and remained over night.

As the history of modern warfare will hardly produce a similar record, I therefore pray your Honorable Body to express a sense of commendation or censure on my conduct in defending my family and property on that occasion.

And as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.,

GEORGE BLESSING.

Wolfsville, Jan. 27th, 1866.

Which was read.

Mr. Buhrman submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Delegates of Maryland tender a vote of thanks to Mr. G. Blessing and son, of Frederick county, Md., for the heroic manner in which they defended their home from rebel invaders, and that the Clerk of this House furnish Mr. Blessing with a certified copy of this resolution.

Mr. Watkins submitted the following amendment: