

House of Delegates for the purpose of convening in joint assembly with that Body, for the election of United States Senator.

The Senators at 1 o'clock, P. M., returned, and resumed the ordinary business of the session.

Mr. Earle, submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 25, 1867.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

His Excellency, Thomas Swann, having been duly elected a Senator of the United States, for six years from the 4th of March 1867, when the term of the Hon. J. A. J. Creswell, will expire, we propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates be requested to address him a joint letter, informing him of his election as aforesaid.

By order,

A. GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Stirling submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Attorney General be required to furnish his opinion in writing on or before Tuesday, January 29th, in regard to the right of the present City Council of Baltimore, to appropriate money for the purpose of contesting or resisting the laws of the State of Maryland, as is evidenced by their recent appropriation of \$20,000 for said purpose, and what steps are necessary to prevent the payment of said appropriation.

Mr. Trail submitted the following amendment :

Add, "And also, whether the Governor was authorized to employ counsel at the expense of the State in the recent proceeding resulting in the removal of the Police Commissioners of Baltimore city."

Mr. Trail withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Tome, submitted the following amendment :

"And also, whether the State of Maryland is legally liable for any expenses incurred in the recent removal of the Police Commissioners of Baltimore city."

Mr. Earle moved to refer the whole subject to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings;

Determined in the affirmative.

The Joint Resolutions directing the Comptroller to adjust and settle the claims of Maryland soldiers,