

Bixler, Pitts, Aydelott, Gordy, Nelson, Wilson, Spicer, Gilpin, McCulley, Bruce, McCulloh, Carmichael, Benton, Poole, Criswell, Wampler, Gore, Dawson, Horsey, King, Hammond—69.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following communication from the Executive was received at the hands of his private secretary, Peter Leary, Esq :

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, February 4th, 1867.

*To the House of Delegates :*

*Gentlemen*—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following order of your Honorable Body, passed on the 18th ultimo :

“ Ordered, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to furnish this House with a copy of all the telegraphic dispatches and other correspondence between his Excellency and the President of the United States, General Grant and General Canby, relative to the late election in this State ; and also all correspondence in his possession relative to the rumored threatened interference of the United States authorities in the case of the Baltimore Police Commissioners, if not, in his judgment, incompatible with the interests of the State.”

No correspondence of any description has passed between the President of the United States and myself, in regard to the late municipal election in Baltimore or the removal of the Police Commissioners. My communications with the President were directed to the single point as to the power of the Executive when appealed to by the civil authorities of a State, in case of an emergency, to furnish military aid in the execution of the laws. The State of Maryland being at the time without any military organization, I felt it my duty, in the then threatening aspect of affairs in the city of Baltimore, to guard, by proper precautionary measures, against any outbreak likely to compromise the peace of the commonwealth. Secretary Stanton, Generals Grant and Canby, and the Attorney-General, were fully cognizant of what passed between the President and myself upon this point, and I am not aware that there was any difference of opinion in regard to the construction of the law in case a proper requisition had been made. The only telegram between the President and myself was an inquiry from me, a short time before the election, whether any change had taken place since my interview with him in relation to the matter.

The threatening aspect of affairs in Baltimore made it