

incumbent upon me to guard the peace of the community by every means in my power, and the result of the election shows that I had no wish to resort to the military, unless driven to it by the most urgent necessity, and to prevent anarchy and bloodshed, which, as Governor of the State, I was powerless to control.

THOMAS SWANN.

Also, the following semi-annual statement of the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad Company.

[See Document P.]

Which was read.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the President of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, in response to an order of the House.

[See Document Q.]

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Neilson presented a petition from a large number of the citizens of Baltimore, in favor of a modification of the present Sunday Law ;

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on subject.

Mr. Jones submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

February 5th, 1867.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We send herewith a copy of an order adopted by this House on Saturday last, explaining the reason for the change in the time to which this House proposed to adjourn in their message of the 1st inst. This House regretted the necessity for the change, especially as your Honorable Body had adjourned before we had an opportunity to interchange messages upon the subject of the change of hour :

“ Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal that the reason for the reconsideration and change of the time to which this House had proposed to adjourn, as stated in their message to the Senate of the 1st inst., was as follows, viz : It was deemed by a majority of the House important to the public interest, in order to remove all doubt as to the legality of the election of Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to repeal the law requiring that election to take place on Wednesday next, a bill for which purpose had passed the Senate by a suspension of the rules, and at the time of sending the message to the Senate it was not doubted that a like suspension of the rules would allow the majority to pass the bill