

pleasure to settle all claims due by the State, as fast as they are examined and adjusted.

No further clerical force is needed at this time, but should the necessity arise in the future, the Acts of 1864, chapter 15, and 1865, chapter 33, under which the present clerks employed in the adjustment of the bounty claims, and paid, would authorize the employment of additional force, which contingency I do not anticipate.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. LEONARD,

Comptroller.

Which was read.

Mr. Knott presented the memorial of Freeman Bell, William Lanahan, Thomas H. Sullivan and thirty other merchants of Baltimore city, remonstrating against a modification of the charter of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad ;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Appleman,

Ordered, That the Reading Clerk of this House be paid the same as the Chief Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Kraft,

Ordered, That the warrant issued by the Speaker of this House for an election in Cecil county for member of the House of Delegates in the place of Hon. Henry S. Magraw, deceased, and the letter of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil county, acknowledging receipt of the same, be entered on the Journal.

STATE OF MARYLAND.

To the Sheriff of Cecil County, Greeting :

WHEREAS, Henry S. Magraw, one of the Delegates elected to the present House of Delegates of Maryland, for Cecil county, hath, since the commencement of the present session of the General Assembly of Maryland, departed this life, whereby a vacancy, by the death of a Delegate for said county elected to the House of Delegates, hath occurred during the session of the General Assembly: and Whereas, the Constitution of this State provides, in such case, that a warrant of Election shall be issued by the Speaker of the House of Delegates for the election of another person in his place of which election not less than ten days notice shall be given exclusive of the day of the publication of the notice and of the day of election.

Now therefore I, Oliver Miller, Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland, as by virtue of the authority vested