

Mr. Hammond submitted the following :

Ordered, That the different religious denominations or churches in the State of Maryland, be respectfully requested through the head or chief authority thereof, to report to the Legislature at the earliest possible day, the number of schools connected with, and under the control of said different religious denominations or churches in operation during the year 1867, with the number of scholars, male and female, attendant thereon, which have received no pecuniary aid or support through the Public School system, nor directly from the State, and also the number of poor children taught in said schools gratuitously, or at reduced rates ; and that the proprietors or heads of all schools or academies throughout the State for males or females, and whether public or private institutions, which have received no pecuniary aid from the State be also respectfully requested to report the number of scholars attending said schools or academies during the year 1867, and that the several newspapers throughout the State be also respectfully requested to give publicity to the above order, that the same may be fully and promptly responded to.

Which was read and adopted.

The President pro tem. laid before the Senate the following communication :

ANNAPOLIS, January 21, 1868.

*My Dear Sir :*

Continued indisposition, and the inclemency of the weather will prevent me from being present to-day. I shall therefore have to ask the indulgence of the Senate for a day or two longer. Regretting my absence from duty,

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Clarke,

The Senate went into executive session.

After remaining in executive session a short time the doors were opened and the Senate resumed its usual business.

On motion by Mr. Smith,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.