

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, Feb. 9, 1870.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

In my Annual Message to the General Assembly, I called your attention to the importance which I attached to the protection and encouragement of our Fisheries, and to the cultivation of Oysters and Fish as the means of largely increasing the food supplies of our people, and adding immensely to the wealth of the State.

The suggestions therein contained have attracted the attention and received the approval of the Fish Commissioners of some of the other States, which have already acted in this important matter.

The Pennsylvania Commissioner has spent two days with me in such consultation as I have had time to spare him from other pressing duties.

The New York Commission is composed of such eminent and able gentlemen as Hon. Horatio Seymour, Hon. R. B. Roosevelt and Seth Green, Esq., who has made pisciculture the specialty of his life and attained with it the grandest results.

Since my Message I have opened a correspondence with some of these gentlemen, and I think that the expression of their views and experience before the Maryland Legislature would not only be very interesting, but productive of material benefit to the State.

I therefore suggest the passage of a Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to extend an invitation to one or more of these gentlemen to visit Annapolis and address the Legislature some evening that may be convenient to them.

I will add that it will entail no expense whatever upon the State, as I have provided for complimentary tickets over the railroads, and propose that they shall be the guests of the Executive, if their visit can be timed after the rooms can be furnished, which the appropriation recently passed will allow.

ODEN BOWIE.

Which was read.

Mr. Chapman submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
February 9, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee, to request his Excellency, the Governor, to extend an invitation to the Hon. Horatio Seymour, Hon. R. B. Roosevelt and Seth Green, Esq., to visit Annapolis and address the Legislature upon