

Also, the following Proclamation of His Excellency, in relation to the apportionment of the members of the House of Delegates.

Which was read.

STATE OF MARYLAND,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ANNAPOLIS CITY, *July 12, 1871.* }

Proclamation by the Governor :

Whereas, the Constitution of the State of Maryland, Article III, Section 4 and Section 5, provides as follows :

“Section 4. As soon as may be after the taking and publishing the next National Census, or after the enumeration of the population of this State under the authority thereof, there shall be an apportionment of Representatives in the House of Delegates, to be made on the following basis, to wit : Each of the several Counties of the State having a population of eighteen thousand souls or less shall be entitled to two Delegates, and every County having a population of over eighteen thousand and less than twenty-eight thousand souls shall be entitled to three Delegates, and every County having a population of twenty-eight thousand and less than forty thousand souls shall be entitled to four Delegates, and every County having a population of forty thousand and less than fifty-five thousand souls shall be entitled to five Delegates, and every County having a population of fifty-five thousand souls and upwards shall be entitled to six Delegates, and no more ; and each of the three Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore shall be entitled to the number of Delegates to which the largest County shall or may be entitled under the foregoing apportionment. And the General Assembly shall have power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the three existing Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be of equal population, but said Districts shall always consist of contiguous territory.

“Section 5. That immediately after the taking and publishing the next National Census, or after any State enumeration of population, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Governor then being, to arrange the representation in said House of Delegates in accordance with the apportionment herein provided for, and to declare by proclamation the number of Delegates to which each County and the City of Baltimore may be entitled under such apportionment ; and after every National Census taken thereafter, or after any State enumeration of population thereafter made, it shall be the duty of the Governor for the time being to make similar adjustments of representation, and to declare the same by proclamation as aforesaid.”