

the Hon. G. Frederick Maddox, late Representative from St. Mary's county, in our Body, has been called, by the hand of death, from our midst, and his representative worth, ability and experience, has been lost to us. Fully appreciating this great loss to our State, but bowing in humble submission to the Divine will, it only remains for us to express our reverence and devotion to the memory of the deceased; and we propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, as a testimonial of respect for the memory of the deceased, and of our earnest sorrow for his untimely demise, that the two Houses of the General Assembly, when they adjourn to-day, stand adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, M., and that the members of both Houses wear the usual badge of mourning, for the usual time.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

March 6, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message, proposing the appointment of a joint committee of five on the part of the House, and five on the part of the Senate, to take into consideration the claim of the State against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, for one-fifth of the passenger transportation on the Washington branch road, with a view to its adjustment, without further litigation, on the principles announced by the Court of Appeals, on the 30th of May, 1871, in the case of the State against that Company; and also to consider the expediency of releasing the said Company from the further payment to the State of any portion of said passenger transportation, and taxing the Company, or receiving other equivalent in lieu thereof, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Griswold, Chapman, Colton, of Baltimore City, Baldwin and Ford, of Queen Anne's.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The Senate adjourned.