

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from Hon. Joshua Vansant, Mayor of the City of Baltimore:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,  
Baltimore, January 9, 1872.

To the Honorable,  
*the General Assembly of Maryland:*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a certified copy of an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved October 16th, 1871, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the subscription of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the stock of the Maryland Central Railroad Company, in the State of Maryland, and a loan to pay such subscription," and as instructed by the sixth section of the Ordinance aforesaid to respectfully request the passage of an act by your Honorable Body to authorize the subscription and debt provided for in said Ordinance.

I have the pleasure to be,

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

JOSHUA VANSANT, Mayor.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The Speaker having announced that there was no further business before the House,

On motion of Mr. Kirk,

At 11.30 o'clock, A. M., the House took a recess until 1 o'clock, P. M.

At one o'clock, P. M., the House reassembled.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 10, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We invite you to be present in the Senate at half past one o'clock, P. M., to participate with us in the inauguration of the Governor elect, and to witness the administration of the oath by the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution and law of the State. We will appoint a committee to wait upon your Honorable Body and conduct you to our Chamber. We have changed the hour for the ceremony from 2 P. M. to 1½