

Charles J. Pennington, Esq., Assistant Secretary of State, delivered the following message from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, March 11th, 1874.

*To the House of Delegates:*

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed House Bill No. 67, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Baltimore Gazette Publishing Company."

Also,

No. 71. A bill entitled "An Act to repeal section 180, of Article 30, of the Supplement to the Code of Public General Laws, relating to Sabbath breaking, and to re-enact the same with amendments."

JAMES BLACK GROOME.

Which was read.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication, together with accompanying report, in response to an order of the House, of the Hon. Levin Woolford, Comptroller of the Treasury:

ANNAPOLIS, March 13th, 1873.

*To the Honorable,*

*The House of Delegates of Maryland:*

In obedience to the order of your Honorable Body, passed on the 11th instant, "that the Comptroller of the Treasury be requested to report to this House the probable effect upon the revenues of this State, by the passage of the bill known as the 'Local Option Law,' and what legislation, in his opinion, will be necessary to provide for any deficiency of the revenue likely to result therefrom," I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement showing the amount of revenue derived from licenses to sell spirituous and fermented liquors in this State during the last fiscal year, and the amount of tax necessary to be laid on the assessable property of the State to supply the deficiency which would result to the Treasury, if the granting of such licenses shall be prohibited.

Provision should of course be made at the present session for the levying of such tax, in the several counties where such prohibition shall be established, and in the City of Baltimore, if the same be established in said city. Such a provision would obviate the necessity of calling an extra session of the Legislature to provide for such deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVIN WOOLFORD,

Comptroller of the Treasury.