

Which were adopted.

Said bill as amended was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The President laid before the Senate the following Communication:

BALTIMORE, February 12th, 1874.

*To the Honorable*

*John Lee Carroll, President*

*of the Senate of Maryland:*

SIR:—The Committee appointed at the meeting of the citizens of Baltimore, held at the Concordia Hall on the instant, in connection with the proposed celebration of the one hundredth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States; adopted yesterday the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Chairman is requested to address the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland, to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to the Legislature to hold a meeting, at which the objects of the Centennial Anniversary would be explained by General Hawley, the President of the Centennial Commission, and Colonel Boteler, a distinguished member thereof; and, if so, that the Legislature be most respectfully requested to name the time of meeting.

In performing the duty thus required of me, I may be permitted to express the hope that the Legislature will afford the opportunity to the distinguished gentlemen, here named, of explaining at length an object which appeals to the patriotic sympathies of every citizen of the Republic.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

JNO. H. B. LATROBE,

Chairman of Committee of Citizens.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Earle,

The President, was authorized on the part of the Senate to extend an invitation to General Hewley and other distinguished members of the Centennial Commissioners to address the members of the Legislature in the Hall of the House of Delegates, on Wednesday next, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Senate bill entitled "An Act to amend the XXIX.