

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, MD., February 10th, '04.

To the General Assembly of Maryland:

The situation in Baltimore city, resulting from the great fire, will certainly call for some emergency legislation. In order to secure concert of action I consider it expedient that I be authorized to appoint an unpaid commission to advise upon such legislation as may be deemed requisite.

Such commission would take into consideration all the pressing needs of the community and receive suggestions from any persons who may have recommendations to make.

By this means carefully considered legislation will be submitted to the General Assembly for its action. I, therefore, submit a bill authorizing me to name four persons who, with the Attorney General, shall constitute such commission.

Their recommendations, with such suggestions as occur to me, will be submitted from time to time to the General Assembly.

EDWIN WARFIELD,

Governor of Maryland.

At 12.50 o'clock p. m.

On motion of Mr. Devilbiss,
The Senate went into Executive Session.

At 12.55 o'clock p. m.

On motion of Mr. Beasman,
The Senate resumed Legislative business.

The Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message, which the President laid before the Senate:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Joint resolution requesting the Governor to issue a commission to the Hon. Isidor Rayner, Senator-elect in the Congress of the United States from this State,