

Mr. Goldsborough submitted the following order :

Ordered. That Edward Jamison be transferred from the folder's department to assist the postmaster under his directions.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hinks submitted the following order :

WHEREAS, It appears from the message of the Governor and accompanying documents, which were transmitted to this House, that one Thomas Riggin, an unresisting and unarmed citizen of the State of Maryland, on the 11th of September, 1874, while peaceably boating upon the waters of Pocomoke Sound, within a mile of the Maryland shore, and within the territory which has always been held in actual possession by said State, and subject to its jurisdiction, and which forms a part of the County of Somerset, was approached by an armed canoe, believed to be commanded by one Wm. S. Curtis, an Oyster Inspector of the State of Virginia, and fired upon and severely wounded by some person therein, and being so severely wounded as to be rendered helpless—was abandoned to his fate, and driven by wind and waves upon the shores of Somerset county in this State, in consequence whereof, said Riggin shortly thereafter died.

*And whereas,* It does not appear that there was any cause, provocation or justification for such homicide.

*And whereas,* It appears that the Governor of Virginia, has characterized the said Act as "an act of violence," and "a flagrant outrage upon the laws of Virginia."

*And whereas,* This House has heard, with indignation, of the above act, which appears to have been a wanton and brutal murder, and "a flagrant outrage upon the laws" and rights of the State of Maryland.

*And whereas,* It does not appear that the offender or offenders have been apprehended, indicted or punished by the authorities of the State of Maryland, or of the State of Virginia, or of the United States.

*And whereas,* It is the duty of this State and of the United States, to protect each and every of their citizens in the enjoyment of their rights as citizens.

Ordered, That the Committee to which was referred the above mentioned part of the Governor's Message, report to this House, within ten days, whether any, and if any, what action has been taken by the authorities of this State, of the State of Virginia, or of the United States, in the premises, and with what result.

Which was adopted.