

TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Steele.

Present at the call of the roll, the following members:

Messrs. Smith, (Speaker,) Dunbar, Mattingly, Boyer, Usilton, Hodges, Robinson, Rullman, Turner, Bird, Lancaster, Hawkins, Hooper, Baldwin, Whitelock, Curtis, Smith, of Balto. co., Given, Fitzjarrell, Dodson, Lankford, Gunby, Ford, Lambdin, Smith, of Dor., Waters, of Dor., Briscoe, Constable, Ward, Snowden, Hance, Gwynn, Cockey, Neal, Purnell, Onley, Riggs, Hinks, Naill, Linthicum, Koons, Rutledge, Boyle, Vandiver, Culbreth, Goldsborough, Rusk, Berkemeier, Lewis, McWilliams, Hoblitzell, McGlone, Coburn, Stewart, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Loane, Chaisty, Hess, Harig, Albaugh, Sanders, Fenton, Scott, Farrow, Ranger, Jones, Canby, Griffith, Rawlings, Atkinson, Sprigg, Brooke, Brown, Rinehart, Lamotte, Waters, of Carl., Donaldson, Clark, Dashiell, Gordy, Browning, Barnard—83

Mr. Naill, (the rules being suspended,) submitted the following order.

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal of this House that Mr. Linthicum is detained from his seat by sickness.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Neal, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, to inform him that the General Assembly was now in session, and ready to receive such communication as His Excellency might desire to make,

Reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the Governor informed them that he would forthwith communicate by message with the House.

The Hon. Richard C. Holliday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered the following message from his Excellency, James Black Groome, Governor:

[See Document A.]

Which was read.

Mr. Waters, of Carroll, (the rules being suspended,) submitted the following order:

Ordered, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Speaker, to whom shall be referred the Message of the Gov-