

Speaker of the House of Delegates, of a Joint Committee, consisting of seven members upon the part of the Senate, and seven upon the part of the House of Delegates, to be constituted a Committee on the "Centennial," to whom shall be referred for consideration all matters appertaining to the participation by the State in the celebration of the One Hundreth Anniversary of American Independence, which Committee shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The President has appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Stevens, Dennis, Walsh, Cooper, Ford, Suit and Steiner.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary.

Which was read.

Hon. Richard C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered the following message from his Excellency, John Lee Carroll, the Governor:

January 18th, 1876.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates of Maryland:

I herewith transmit to you the report of the State Board of Education.

JOHN LEE CARROLL,
Governor.

Together with accompanying Report.

[See Document E.]

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Rusk submitted the following

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, There has existed for the past seven years a successful armed resistance against Spanish Authority in the Island of Cuba.

And whereas, This resistance is maintained by a people who have organized and established a Constitutional Government, Republican in form, guaranteeing freedom to all in person, in religion, in the acquisition and enjoyment of property, and the participation of government.

And whereas, The Republic of Cuba is not only able to maintain its position, but is continuously lessening the area of Spanish rule, and at this time exercises authority over more than two-thirds of the territory of the Island,