

The Hon. R. C. Holliday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered a message from his Excellency the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Gorman,

The reading of the message was suspended, in order to receive a message from the House of Delegates.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
January 6th, 1876.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, that the Senate and House of Delegates assemble in the Hall of the House of Delegates, at two o'clock to-day, when the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall preside, and in the presence of both Houses open the returns of the election for the Governor of the State of Maryland, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the State.

By order, MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Mr. Gorman submitted the following :

BY THE SENATE,
January 6th, 1876.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We have received your message proposing to open the returns of the election for Governor of Maryland, in the Hall of the House of Delegates to-day at two o'clock, in the presence of both Houses, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the State, and concur therein.

By order,
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary.

Pending its consideration,

Mr. Steiner submitted the following amendment :

Strike out "concur therein" and substitute, suggest that Tuesday, at one o'clock, P. M. would better suit the Senate, and be in conformity with past usage as to the time for counting the returns of the election for Governor.

Which was rejected by yeas and nays as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Duke,
Dennis,
Freeman,
Lawrence,

Mudd,
Newcomer,
Steiner,
Suit—8