

whom was referred the question of the adjournment of the two Houses, submit the following report:

The Committee do not think it expedient or proper that there should be an adjournment *sine die*, but recommend that the two Houses adjourn on Monday afternoon next, 13<sup>th</sup> of May, to meet again in Frederick city on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of June, 1861, at one o'clock.

JAMES F. DASHIELL,

Chairman of Senate Committee.

J. H. GORDON,

Chairman of House Committee.

Mr. Smith submitted, on the part of the minority of the Committee, the following

#### REPORT:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee appointed to confer in regard to the adjournment of the Legislature, respectfully reports that he is constrained to differ from the majority in the conclusions at which they have arrived. He believes that the agitation of the exciting questions which now disturb the public mind, cannot at this time be productive of good, and that the interests of the State would be subserved, and the wishes of a very large majority of the people consulted, by an early adjournment, *sine die*, of the Legislature. The undersigned therefore recommends that the Legislature adjourn on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, inst., at 12 o'clock M., *sine die*.

JNO. E. SMITH.

On motion of Mr. Blackistone,

A call of the roll was ordered, when the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Blackistone, Duvall, Dashiell, Franklin, Gardiner, Goldsborough, of Talbot, Goldsborough, of Dorchester, Heckart, Kimmel, McKaig, Nuttle, Smith, Stone, Townsend, Watkins, Whitaker—16.

The Sergeant-at-Arms returned, and reported that he had notified the absent Senators that their attendance was required at the Senate Chamber.

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

A bill, entitled, An act to add new sections to article 28, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the rights and duties of County Commissioners.