

THURSDAY, May 2d, 1861.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

May 2d, 1861.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We respectfully submit to your consideration the enclosed Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, with accompanying Resolution, and ask your concurrence therein.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Also the following

R E P O R T .

*To the Honorable,*

*the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland:*

The Committee on Federal Relations ask leave respectfully to report, That they have duly and carefully considered the communication from his Honor, the Mayor of Baltimore, which was referred to them, enclosing a copy of a joint resolution of the two Branches of the City Council of said city, in the following words:

*“Resolved by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to communicate with the General Assembly of Maryland, now in session, for the purpose of procuring such action of that body as may in their judgment be most advisable to bring about as early a restoration of the communications by the different railroads and other means between the city of Baltimore and other parts of the country, as may be entirely consistent with the safety and welfare of the city and State.”*

It is impossible to overrate the importance of the subject to which the attention of the General Assembly is thus directed. The almost total interruption of direct communication between Baltimore and the North, by the destruction of the bridges upon the Northern Central and Philadelphia, Wilmington and Delaware Railroads, is an evil of a very aggravated character, not only in itself, but in its manifold bearings upon the prosperity of the State