

be and is hereby especially instructed to obtain, if possible, a general cessation of hostilities, now impending, until the meeting of Congress, in July next, in order that said body may, if possible, arrange for an adjustment of existing troubles by means of negotiation, rather than the sword.

Resolved, That said committee consist of Messrs. Brooke, Yellott, McKaig and Lynch of the Senate, and Messrs. _____ of the House of Delegates.

Resolved, That said committee be requested to report, if practicable, to the General Assembly, on the 5th day of June next.

On motion,

The blank was filled with the names of Messrs. Harding, Morgan, Compton and Goldsborough ;

Pending the further consideration of the resolutions,

Mr. Chaplain moved the previous question ;

Which was sustained.

The question then being,

“Shall the main question be now put?”

It was concurred in.

The question then being upon the adoption of the resolutions,

The yeas and nays were ordered, and appeared, as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.

Kilbourn, Sp'r,	Starkey,	Harrison,
Morgan,	Kessler,	Thomas,
Ford,	Straughn,	Wallis,
Quinlan,	Goldsborough,	Sangston,
Renshaw,	Warfield,	Scott,
Jones, of Talbot,	Brune,	Griffith,
Chaplain,	Winans,	Harding,
Jones, of P. G.,	Pitts,	Turner—24.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs.

Welch,	Landing,	Fiery,
Worthington,	Claggett,	Barnard,
Denison,	Routzahn,	McCleary,
Keene,	Johnson,	Roop,
Holland,	Salmon,	Mills,
Maxwell,	Morfit,	Brown—18.

So the resolutions were adopted.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,
May 13th, 1861.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We have concurred in the report of the joint committee