STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

Frederick City, June 5, 1861.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

1861.]

I herewith transmit to your honorable body a copy of the returns of a special election held in Cecil county on the 29th day of May, for a member of the House of Delegates to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Alexander Wilson, Esq.

THOS. H. HICKS.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Military Affairs to introduce a bill relating to the arms and ammunition belonging to or in the custody of the State of Maryland.

Mr. Pitts presented the memorial of Joshua Vansant, President of the Board of Trustees of the Alms-house of Baltimore city, asking the repeal of section 50 of the new Code of Laws for the city of Baltimore,

Which was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Pitts, Ford and Gordon.

Mr. Holland presented the memorial of Richard H. Jackson and other citizens of Dorchester, complaining of the want of arms in said county, and praying the passage of a law requiring Hooper C. Hicks to deliver over to Capt. George E. Austin, certain cavalry arms and accourrements, in his possession;

Also a similar petition from Capt. George E. Austin;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. Legg presented the memorial of Samuel J. Harrison and other citizens of Queen Anne's county, praying the repeal of 396th section of article IV of the Code;

Which was read and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Legg, Dennis, of Somerset, Dennis, of Worcester, Warfield and Welch.

Mr. Maxwell, from joint select committee, appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, reported that he