

*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 communication 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.

Very respectfully,

J. SHAAF STOCKETT,

Clerk First Branch.

Which were read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the following bills entitled,

An act to add to the IVth Article of the Code of Public Local Laws, the following section, empowering the Mayor and the City Council of Baltimore to raise and appropriate money for the defence of the said city.

Also, a bill, entitled, an act to conform and ratify an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, entitled, An Ordinance to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the defence of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis; approved on the 20th of April, 1861.

Severally endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays."

Mr. Jacobs from the select Committee, reported a bill entitled, an act to add new sections to Article XXVIIIth of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the rights and duties of County Commissioners;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wallis, chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations, reported favorably upon a bill, entitled, an act to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

Which was read the first time.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

May 1st, 1861.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message, proposing a joint commit-