

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

The house proceeded with the ordinary business of the session in the absence of the door-keeper.

Mr. Hammond submitted the following message :

By the House of Delegates,
March 20th, 1840.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We have received your message proposing a joint committee of the two houses to wait upon the Governor and request his attendance in the Senate chamber at 10 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of signing the laws of the present session. We find it impossible to get through with the business of the session at that hour, and therefore with great respect propose to your honorable body, that a joint committee wait upon his Excellency for the purpose designated in your message at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. We have appointed Messrs. Hammond and Tuck to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body. And that the session be extended for that purpose until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock ;

Read, assented to and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivered a resolution relating to the public lands ;

Read the first and by special order the second time, dissented from, and returned to the senate.

And returned the resolution in favor of William Bromwell ;

The resolution in favor of Fielding Lucas, Junior ;

The resolution directing certain copies of the laws to be furnished Howard District ;

The resolution in favor of the troops under the command of Gen. O. H. Williams ;

The resolution directing certain public documents to be furnished to the State Library ;

The resolution in favor of Martha Walls, of Prince George's county ;

The resolution in favor of William Long ;

And the resolution in favor of James A. Watson ;

Severally endorsed, "will pass," and ordered to be engrossed.

Also, returned the resolution requiring the chief clerk of the House of Delegates, to compile and cause to be reprinted the election laws of this State, and distribute them as is therein required ;

The resolution in favor of Theodore Middleton, of Prince George's county ;

The resolution in favor of the representatives of Mountjoy Bayly ;

The resolution in favor of Teresa Hays, of St. Mary's county ;
Severally endorsed "dissented from."

And the resolution making it the duty of the several county clerks to deliver to justices of the peace one copy of the laws and votes and proceedings of each ;

Endorsed "assented to with the proposed amendment."