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So the house refused to accept the substitute.

Mr. Causin then offered as a substitute for said preamble and resolution, the following:

*Resolved*, That the employment, by incorporated companies or individuals, of agents to influence improperly and by corrupt means, the action of the Legislature, would be an insult to the integrity of this body, and deserve the severest penalties in the power of this house to impose.

Which was read.

Mr. Le Grand rose to a point of order, that the substitute offered by Mr. Causin, was, in substance, the same as that offered by him.

Mr. Tuck (being in the chair) decided that the substitute offered by Mr. Causin could be entertained.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, offered as a substitute for said preamble and resolution, and the substitute offered by Mr. Causin, the following:

*Resolved*, That the preamble and resolution submitted by the delegate from Baltimore county, implies an imputation upon the purity and integrity of former legislatures, and an apprehension that this house can be operated upon by "other influences than a sense of right and the will of the people," which are alike unjust, derogatory to the character of the State, and disrespectful to this house.

Which was read.

Mr. E. A. Lynch moved that said preamble and resolution and substitute be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Foreman moved that they be laid on the table.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the Senate delivered the following message:

*By the Senate,*

December 31, 1840.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

The Hon. John L. Kerr having been elected Senator of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. John S. Spence, we propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, that a joint letter from the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates, be forthwith forwarded to him, informing him of his election.

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, clk.

And returned the bill, entitled an act supplemental to an act, entitled an act to regulate the municipal government of Howard District in Anne Arundel county, endorsed "will pass," and the bill ordered to be engrossed.