

Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carroll submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 23d, 1865.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We respectfully propose to your Honorable Body that the committees on Federal Relations in the House and Senate act conjointly in relation to all such matters as may properly come within the purview of thier duties.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

The following communication was received from His Excellency, Governor Bradford, by the hands of J. P. Carter, Esq., Private Secretary :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, January 17th, 1865.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates :*

Since my communication to you of the 4th instant, I have received from the President of the Soldiers National Cemetery at Gettysburg, a letter dated the 10th instant, referring to and enclosing a copy of the proceedings of the Commissioners of that Cemetery from the several States at their first annual meeting, on the 7th December last. By reference to that letter and those proceedings, copies of which are herewith transmitted, it will be seen that in consequence of the increase in the cost of material and labor, the quota required of each State for the work of the Cemetery will be double the amount of the estimate made in 1863, and instead of \$2,102 65, the amount assessed upon the State under that estimate, the sum required and now solicited at your hands is \$4,205 30. It will be seen, however, that a memorial has been addressed to Congress upon the subject, asking an appropriation of \$50,000 by that body, and in case it is granted, nothing more will be required of the several States than the amount of the original estimate. I commend to your favorable notice the application of the commissioners, and hope that an early appropriation will be made of the amount required.