

The seventh amendment was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. McMaster,

The eighth amendment was concurred in.

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

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, *Feb'y 8th*, 1865.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*

*and House of Delegates :*

By an Act of Congress approved July 2nd, 1864, the old Hall of the House of Representatives in the Capitol of the United States, was set apart as a National Statuary Hall, and the President was thereby authorized to invite "each and all the States to provide and furnish statues in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown, or from distinguished civic or Military services, such as each State shall determine to be worthy of this National commemoration."

I have received from the State Department a communication on this subject, conveying the request of the President that the State of Maryland take the matter into consideration. I herewith transmit a copy of that communication with its enclosure, and recommend the subject to your early attention.

A. W. BRADFORD.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, *3d Feb'y*, 1865.

*To His Excellency, the Governor*

*of the State of Maryland, Annapolis :*

*Sir* :—I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency, a copy of a letter of the 25th ulto., addressed to the President by the Hon. Justin S. Morrill, of the House of Representatives, inviting his attention to the 2nd section of the Act of Congress of the 2nd July, 1864, on the subject of Statues for the old Hall of the House of Representatives. The President has directed this Department to request through your Excel-