

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Wm. Segafoose, late sheriff of Carroll county, for services rendered under a requisition of the Governor.

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Jenkins submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The existing war has reduced our once happy, and united country, from a condition of unprecedented prosperity in public and private affairs, to a state of individual misfortune, and the verge of national bankruptcy,

*Whereas*, It has created an enormous, and still increasing national debt, to be met with by insupportable taxation, or dishonorable repudiation,

*Whereas*, It has debased the general morality, by giving birth to and fostering hordes of corrupt speculators upon the public treasury—sapped the nation's vigor, and unnerved her arm,

*And, whereas*, For the people of the State of Maryland, it has prostrated commerce, depressed manufactories, impaired agricultural interests, destroyed our public works, rendered insecure the tenure of our slaves, overthrown by force the civil power in our chief city, unsettled all business relations, upturned society, caused distrust and hatred among our people, sundered family ties, marshalled brother against brother, and arrayed father against son, in the work of devastation and bloodshed,

*And whereas*, Whilst it has been waged for nearly a twelve month, for the avowed purpose of reuniting the country, and restoring peace, these objects are to day more distant and less likely of attainment than at its commencement; therefore,

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, that our Senators and Representatives, at Washington, be requested to urge upon the Federal Administration an immediate cessation of hostilities, and an offer to negotiate with all disaffected States, for the peaceable settlement of their grievances;

Which were read the first time, and

Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

The hour having arrived for considering the Order of the Day, the President announced the bill entitled, An act to repeal sections 806, 807, 809, 810, 811, 815, and 821 of article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Baltimore, and the organization of a Board of Police therefore, and to re-enact the same with amendments thereto.