MONDAY, December 16th, 1861.

No quorum being present, The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 17th, 1861.

David C. Blackiston, the Senator for Kent county, appeared in the Senate Chamber and took his seat.

The President laid before the Senate a petition from S. T. Hopkins and John Donovan;

Which was read, and,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Eichelberger,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate correspond with the late Secretary and ascertain from him what disposition has been made of the bills, resolutions and other important papers introduced at, and connected with, the Extra Sessions of the General Assembly held in Frederick, and that he take all necessary steps to secure the same.

On motion of Mr. Eichelberger,

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed in conjunction with the Governor, to wait upon the President of the United States and his Cabinet, to urge upon them the speedy reopening of the Baltimore and and Ohio Railroad from Harper's Ferry to Cumberland.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Eichelberger, Firey and Briscoe.

Mr. Eichelberger submitted the following message: