

TUESDAY, February 25th, 1862.

Present at the call of the roll the following Senators:

Messrs. Goldsborough, Pt., Bayne, Billingsley, Briscoe, Denison, Eichelberger, Everett, Firey, Goldsborough, of Dorchester, Harrison, Heckart, Jenkins, Lankford, Sellman, Smith, Townsend, Watkins, Whitaker and Willis.

Mr. Sellman presented the petition of James Sands, and 161 other citizens of Annapolis, praying the repeal of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the present session, in relation to the running at large of cows, &c. in the vicinity of said city;

Which was read, and

Referred to Messrs. Sellman, Willis and Billingsley.

On motion of Mr. Bayne,

Leave was granted Messrs. Bayne, Smith and Whitaker, to report a bill to allow J. T. Hoxton, late collector of Prince George's county, further time to complete his collections.

Mr. Sellman submitted the following resolutions:

*Joint resolutions of thanks to Brigadier General Charles F. Smith.*

Resolved, By the General Assembly of Maryland, That the congratulations of this Legislature, accompanied with a vote of thanks, are hereby tendered to Brigadier General Charles F. Smith, of the United States Army, for gallant conduct displayed, personally, at Fort Donelson, in an heroic charge at the head of his column, which stormed the outworks of that fortification at the point of the bayonet, and effected the first permanent occupation within the intrenchments attained by the troops of the United States.

And be it further resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to forward the above resolutions to General Charles F. Smith.

Which were read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Denison,

Leave was granted the committee on Finance to report a bill to be entitled, An act appropriating a sum of money as compensation to Neilson Poe, for services rendered the State as counsel, under the appointment of the Governor.

Mr. Firey, from the committee on the Constitution, reported a bill entitled, An act to authorize the clerk of the commissioners, of Charles county, to separate a certain sum