

*By the Senate,*

December 17th, 1861.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a joint select committee to consist of three members of each House, in conjunction with the Governor, to proceed to the city of Washington and wait upon the President of the United States and his Cabinet, to urge upon them the speedy reopening of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from Harper's Ferry to Cumberland.

We have appointed Messrs. Eichelberger, Firey and Briscoe, as members of said committee on the part of the Senate.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,  
Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. Blackiston,

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal of Proceedings that the Senator from Kent has been detained from his seat by sickness.

On motion of Mr. Firey,

Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the condition of St. John's College, and report to the Senate whether or not it has failed to accomplish the object for which it was endowed by the State, and whether there be just cause to withhold from it further annual appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Leave was granted to the committee on Education to report a bill to repeal the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th sections of article 84 of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to schools.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Leave was granted Messrs. Smith, Goldsborough, of Dorchester, and Whitaker, to report a bill to incorporate the Collateral Bank of Baltimore city.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Ordered, That the House committee on Claims be requested, to pay to those Senators who were detained at Frederick in engrossing bills, the usual per diem.