· The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message:

By the House of Delegates, December 16th, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to close the present session of the Legislature on Friday, the 20th instant, at one o'clock, P. M.

By order,

T. Snowden Thomas, Chief Clerk.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough, of Dorchester, Referred to Messrs. Goldsborough, of Dorchester, Sellman and Willis.

Also, the following message:

By the House of Delegates,
December 13th, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We request that the bill passed by this House on yesterday, entitled, An act to amend the 29th section of article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Calvert county, regulating the salary of the Crier of Calvert county, be returned to this House for further consideration.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS, Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Also, resolutions of thanks to Commodore Wilkes.

Which were read the first time, and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Also, the following bills:

A bill entitled, An act to amend article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws by adding thereto the following sections, relating to the confinement of vagrants and persons committed by justices of the peace in default of security to keep the peace, in the jail of Baltimore city;

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Also, returned a bill entitled, An act to repeal the 33d sec-