

WEDNESDAY, December 18th, 1861.

On motion of Mr. Willis,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn to-day, it adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

Mr. Eichelberger, from the committee on Corporations, to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to further amend the charter of the Associated Fireman's Insurance Company of the city of Baltimore, reported it without amendment.

The bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Goldsborough, of Dorchester, from the committee on Federal Relations, to which was referred the resolutions in relation to slavery, reported them with the following amendment:

“WHEREAS, Maryland, in her recent election, has unmistakably demonstrated, through the ballot-box, her loyalty and devotion to the Union, and, as one of the United States, claims all her rights under the Constitution; and whereas, we believe that the present war is waged in no spirit of hostility to the institutions of any of the States, but solely to vindicate the integrity of the Union and to restore amity and peace among all the parts thereof; and whereas, notwithstanding this policy, it sometimes happens that through the action of individuals among the troops, negroes belonging to citizens of this State escaped into the lines of the Federal army, thereby causing trouble, and occasionally loss to their owners; and whereas, we desire to take some specific action upon this subject; therefore,

“Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a joint committee to consist of three members upon the part of the Senate, and three upon the part of the House of Delegates, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two Houses respectively, whose duty it shall be to proceed forthwith to Washington and request an interview with Major General McClellan, and solicit the adoption of some plan to prevent the admission of fugitive slaves within the lines of the army.

“Resolved, That said committee be directed to report immediately upon their return the result of their mission.”

Which was read and adopted.

The resolutions were then read the second time.

Mr. Goldsborough, of Dorchester, from the committee on Judicial Proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to authorize the sale or mortgage of certain real estate