

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following Message.

By the House of Delegates,
December 4, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your Message informing us of the organization of your Honorable Body.

The House of Delegates has organized by the election of the Hon. John Summerfield Berry of Baltimore county, Speaker, and T. Snowden Thomas, of Cecil county, Chief Clerk. We are now ready to proceed to the business of the Session, and propose, with the concurrence of your Body to appoint a joint committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

We have appointed Messrs. Herbert, Phelps and Johnson, of Baltimore county, as a committee on the part of the House.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Smith from the joint committee, of the two Houses appointed to wait upon His Excellency, and inform him that they were organized and ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make, reported that the committee had performed, that duty, and that they had been requested by His Excellency to inform the Senate that he would communicate a message to the two Houses at two o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock.

The following message was received from His Excellency, Governor Hicks, by the hands of G. W. Jefferson, Private Secretary.

[See Document A.]

Which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, of Dorchester, submitted the following order: