

The following message was received from the Senate:

By the Senate,
December 20th, 1861.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to close the present session of the Legislature, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 12½ o'clock, P. M.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,
Secretary.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Hammond, of Howard, Dunlop and Duvall, as a committee to call upon General McClellan, in accordance with "joint resolutions in relation to Slavery."

On motion of Mr. Hardcastle,
The House adjourned.

EVENING SESSION 7½ o'clock.

The House met.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Berry, Sp'k., Dent, Smyth, Walton, Nutwell, Bond, Magruder, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Turner, Carroll, Leckie, Creswell, McIntire, Morton, Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Buhrman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, Dove, Hardcastle, Price, Warner, Wolf, Reese, Hugg, Taylor, Pearson, Findlay, Rohrer, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Little, Waters, Hammond, of Howard and Donaldson.

Mr. Leckie submitted the following message :

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