

collector of taxes for Baltimore county, further time to complete his collections.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Leave was granted the committee on the Judiciary to introduce a bill, entitled, An act to provide that all officers of this State, attorneys-at-law, grand and petit jurors, and all public beneficiaries, including hawkers, pedlars and merchants, both retail and wholesale, making it obligatory upon each and every one of them, before they enter upon their respective duties or vocations, to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, as now enjoined by the Government at Washington.

Mr. Magruder submitted joint resolutions in reference to the return of Mason and Slidell.

Which were read the first time.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message :

*By the Senate,*

January 3d, 1862.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We respectfully propose to your Honorable Body the appointment of a committee of three, to act in conjunction with a committee of two appointed by the Senate, to report a bill providing for the taking of the oath of allegiance by all persons holding any office or position of profit or trust under the Constitution or any public or private law of this State.

The Senate has appointed Messrs. Eichelberger and Fiery, as the committee on the part of the Senate.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,

Secretary.

Mr. Hammond, of Howard, submitted the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,*

January 3d, 1862.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body to refer so much of the Governor's Message to the General Assembly of Maryland at its present session, as relates to the close of his official connection with the Legislature and the people of the State, to a joint committee, to consist of three