

SATURDAY, January 4th, 1862.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Davenport, Chaplain of the House.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r., Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Magruder, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Wright, Turner, Phelps, Leckie, Creswell, McIntire, Morton, Bowie, Sr., Duvall, Smith, Hammond, of Frederick, Burhman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, McCoy, Dove, Lewis, Hardcastle, Willis, Warner, Wolf, Christopher, Reese, Taylor, Alexander, Pearson, Herbert, Thomas, Rohrer, Davis, of Montgomery, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Everhart, Waters, Hammond, of Howard, and Donaldson.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The following message was received from the Executive, by the hands of G. W. Jefferson, Esq., Private Secretary :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

Annapolis, January 4th, 1862.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

At the session of the General Assembly, of 1860, a law was passed appropriating \$70,000 for the purchase of arms and accoutrements; and authorizing the Governor and Adjutant General to make the purchases.

At a special session of the General Assembly, held at Frederick city, in 1861, an order was passed calling upon the Governor and Adjutant General to make a report to the House of Delegates in relation to the expenditure of said appropriation. The report was made, and it was referred to the committee on Military Affairs; which committee, without examining the vouchers to which they were referred, made a report to the House of Delegates, in which palpable injustice is done to the Governor and Adjutant General.

I respectfully request, therefore, that a committee of your Honorable Body be directed to examine the matter, and report thereon.

THOS. H. HICKS.