The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

By the Senate, January 3rd, 1862.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message proposing to refer so much of the Governor's Message to the General Assembly 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 members of the Senate and three on the part of the House, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Firey, Harrison and Briscoe, said committee.

By order,

C. HARWOOD, Secretary.

Also, returned the following:

A bill entitled, An act to repeal An act entitled, An act to relieve the Mayor and the Members of the Board of Police of the city of Baltimore, and all persons who acted under their orders in their efforts to maintain peace and good order, and prevent further strife on and after the occurrences of the 19th of April, 1861, in said city, from prosecution for and in consequence of their acts of obedience to said orders, passed at the April session, 1861; also

A bill entitled, An act to repeal section 30 of article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to the compensation of the State's Attorney for Dorchester county, and to substitute therefor the following;

Severally endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays:"

Mr. Hammond, of Frederick, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick and Carroll counties praying for the location and opening of a public road therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to the Frederick and Carroll county delegations.

On motion of Mr. White,

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that the absence of Mr. Pearre from this House, is occasioned by continued severe indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Duvall,

Ordered, That there be printed and folded, for the use of this House, two thousand copies of the resolutions offered by