

On motion of Mr. Given,

Ordered, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint an Engrossing Clerk.

The following communication was received and read:

*To the Honorable the House of Delegates
of the Legislature of Maryland:*

Gentlemen:—With great respect, I beg leave to resign the office which your kindness has bestowed upon me, that of Reading Clerk to your Honorable Body.

With profound gratitude for your favor thus shown me, I am gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES P. MILNOR.

Annapolis, Dec. 11th, 1861.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

The resignation of the Reading Clerk was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Given,

Ordered, That the Speaker be requested to appoint a Reading Clerk temporarily.

The Speaker then appointed William R. Cole, temporary Reading Clerk, and James P. Milnor, Engrossing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

Leave was granted the committee on Judiciary, to report a bill to amend the 7, 8, 11, and 15th sections of Article 50 of the Public General Laws, relating to the summoning, drawing and challenge of jurors.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

Leave was granted the committee of Judiciary, to report a bill for the dispatch of business in the Circuit Courts of the several counties of this State.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Leave was granted the committee on Inspections to introduce a bill repealing sections 486, 487, 488, 490, 491, 492 and 493, article 4, of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to the inspection and measurement of manures.

On motion of Mr. Magruder,

Leave was granted the Calvert county delegation to introduce a bill to amend the 31st section of article 5th of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Calvert county, regulating the per diem of jurors and bailiffs.