

and this place, rendering the position one of exceeding toil and care.

Any assistance, gentlemen, you may ask from me to facilitate the prosecution of your labors, shall be most cheerfully rendered.

Accept my thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy I have ever received from your committee, and believe me,

With high regard,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

E. M. SHIPLEY,
State Librarian.

Which was read and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the Senate bill entitled, An act to compensate the members of the Peace Conference appointed by the Executive of the State, to represent Maryland at Washington during the winter of 1861;

Which was received and referred to the committee on Claims.

Also, joint resolutions of thanks to Brigadier General Charles F. Smith;

Which were read and laid on the table.

Also, returned the joint resolutions respecting the agitation of the slavery question;

Also, the bill entitled, An act to amend the 23d section, of the 81st article, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the direct tax imposed on the assessable property of the State;

Endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays."

Also, the joint resolutions relative to the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia;

Endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays, with proposed amendment, viz;,"

"1st resolution, line 14, strike out the word "Government," and insert in lieu thereof the word "Congress;,"

In which the House concurred; and

The resolutions, as amended, were then passed by yeas and nays, as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Berry, Spr.,	McIntire,	Reese,
Dent,	Morton,	Hugg,