

The following message was received from the Senate :

By the Senate,

December 17, 1861.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We respectfully propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a joint select committee, to consist of three members of each House, in conjunction with the Governor, to proceed to the city of Washington, and wait upon the President of the United States, and his Cabinet, to urge upon them the speedy reopening of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road from Harper's Ferry to Cumberland.

We have appointed Messrs. Eichelberger, Fiery and Briscoe, as members of said committee on the part of the Senate.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,
Secretary.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rules were suspended, and leave was granted the committee on Inspections to introduce a bill entitled, An act to amend the 4th article of the Code of Public Local Laws, by repealing sections 552, 553, 554 565 and 566, relating to the inspection and cording of fire wood, and substituting other sections therefor.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

The rules were suspended, and leave was granted the Baltimore county delegation, to introduce a bill to regulate the granting of letters of administration by the Register of Wills of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore county.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The rules were suspended, and

Leave was granted the committee on the Judiciary to introduce a bill entitled, An act to add an additional section to article 2 of the Code of Public General Laws, in relation to Abatements.

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

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Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message, proposing a joint committee of the two Houses to proceed to Washington, with the