

On motion of Mr. Reese,

The rules were suspended to allow him to offer the following :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Mr. Alexander has been detained at home by sickness;

Which was adopted.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolutions appertaining to the federal relations of the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. White,

The rules were suspended to allow him to offer the following :

Ordered, That a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Creswell, Price, Donaldson, Mathews and Findlay, be appointed, with instructions to report to this House a series of resolutions on the subject of the present rebellion as early as practicable.

Which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

Leave was granted him to withdraw his resolutions.

Mr. Creswell offered the following amendment to the resolutions proposed by Mr. Donaldson :

“7. Resolved, That the people of Maryland do not hesitate to express their approval of the course and policy of the President in the conduct of the war thus far, as exemplified by his official acts, and they hereby tender him their thanks for the earnest desire he has manifested to avert from them the immediate horrors and calamities of civil war; assured by his firmness and honesty in the past, they confidently expect that, in spite of the importunities of pernicious fanatics, he will keep steadily in view his sworn duty, to ‘preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.’ ”

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ensor moved to amend by striking out all after the word “Maryland,” in Mr. Donaldson’s resolutions; and inserting the following:

“Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, That Maryland acknowledges the protection shown her by the General Government in the exercise of her legitimate rights under the government established by our fathers, and in preserving the lives and property of her citizens, by keeping from her soil the dreadful calamities of civil war; and that she does hereby renew the expression of her