

Montgomery, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Little, Waters, Donaldson.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the joint resolution relating to the State's quota of Direct Tax;

Also, the joint resolution relating to the order in which the unfinished business of this session shall be taken up.

Severally endorsed "passed by yeas and nays."

Mr. Hugg submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That we tender the thanks of the people of this State to all the officers of the army and navy who have remained loyal to the Government during the tempestuous scenes incident to the unnatural rebellion of some of the Southern States; and that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates be requested to transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretaries of War and the Navy, to be by them communicated to the several divisions of the army and navy;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Hammond, of Howard, called up the message laid on the table last evening, and submitted the following, as a substitute:

*By the House of Delegates,*

December 20th, 1861.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message, proposing the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, who, with the Governor, should visit the President of the United States, and present to him the importance of having the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad repaired and opened.

We fully appreciate the great result which you propose to accomplish, and we have confidence in the willingness of the President to afford all practicable protection to the interests of our State. But as this session of the General Assembly is about to close, and the regular session soon to commence, we prefer that the subject should be postponed for more deliberate consideration.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.