

Mr. Gardiner submitted the following message :

*By the Senate,*

January 9th, 1860.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, to appoint a joint committee, to consist of three members from each House, to proceed to the city of Baltimore and make a thorough investigation into the affairs and condition of the State Tobacco Warehouses, and that they have full power to send for persons and papers, and examine witnesses under oath, if necessary, and to report to this General Assembly such legislation in reference thereto as may be necessary.

The Chair has appointed Messrs. Gardiner, Grahame and Duvall as members of said committee,

By order,

WM. KILGOUR,

Secretary.

Which was read and assented to.

On motion of Mr. Lynch,

The Adjutant General's Report was read, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message :

*Whereas*, Events of the past few years have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of this General Assembly of Maryland, that a powerful sectional party has been organized, and is now in existence in the Northern portion of our Union, the object of which is to wage a war of extermination against the institution of slavery, in defiance of the guarantees of the Federal Constitution; and, *whereas*, the election of John Sherman, of Ohio, to the Speakership of the present House of Representatives, or any other Black Republican, would materially facilitate the object of this sectional party; and, *whereas*, the people of Maryland earnestly and hopefully sympathise with the South in their efforts to resist the encroachments of this sectional party; therefore,

*Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland: 1st.*— That if any representative or representatives of Maryland, in Congress now assembled, should, under any circumstance, or combination of circumstances, vote for John Sherman, or any other member of the present House of Representatives, who