

STATE OF MARYLAND,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ANNAPOLIS, January 20, 1864.

To the House of Delegates :

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with your order of 18th inst., I herewith transmit a certificate of the members of your House, elected on the 4th of November last, as appears by the returns of judges of election on file in this Department.

A. W. BRADFORD.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Tyson presented the following resolution :

1. *Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* however much we may differ in opinion as to the meaning of the Constitution of our State, each of us acknowledges his duty as a member of this body, and under the solemn promise we have made, to obey that Constitution as we respectively understand its meaning.

2. *Resolved, That* we are aware of no existing inducement, founded on motives of expediency, that would justify or excuse the violation of our oath of office ;

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Murray, of Baltimore city,

The resolutions were indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Archer, from the committee on Education, reported favorably a bill entitled, "An Act to add new sections to article 84 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled 'Schools ;' "

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Trail, from the committee on Federal Relations, reported favorably a bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the presentation of regimental flags to the Maryland regiments in the service of the United States ;"

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Waters,

The rules were suspended, the bill read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. McCoy, from the committee on Claims, reported favorably a bill entitled, "An Act to refund to Sarah J. Offutt, executrix of J. W. Offutt, deceased, a certain sum of money erroneously paid by her into the State Treasury ;"