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**THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.**  
**SENATE.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The following are the proceedings of yesterday's Congressional session:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**  
On motion of Mr. Vallandigham, Ohio, a resolution was adopted requesting the President to communicate to the House, if not incompatible with the public interests, copies of any communications addressed to the Executive by the Governments of England, Spain and France in regard to the affairs of Mexico, and any other information in relation to the same.

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another Supreme Court, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution, which, in the opinion of Congress, will meet the requirements of the Constitution.

A bill to establish a line of steam mail ships between San Francisco and Shanghai, touching at the Sandwich Islands and Japan.

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so that those who are innocent may be relieved from blame. Adopted.

Mr. Hutchins asked leave to introduce a bill to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cox (Ohio) objected.

The House then adjourned.

**MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.**  
ANNAPOLIS, December 4, 1861.  
SENATE.

H. H. Goldsborough, of Talbot, was elected President of the Senate, and delivered himself of a speech, in which he said:

The Executive of your State, exerting his constitutional power, has thus far preserved us from internal strife, and has maintained the peace of the State.

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It seems an agent has been appointed for these people by somebody, and his name is W. L. Coon, of Chelsea, Mass. We find in an exchange a letter of his making relief for them. He says:

"Much must be done immediately to prevent those now there from suffering, and to provide for the many constantly arriving in a destitute condition."

A correspondent writing from Beaufort says of the negroes gathered there:

"By the morning of the second day fifty were already gathered at headquarters, and signs of a much greater influx were abundant."

"Those who remained were put under the charge of Captain Goodrich, the Quartermaster of General Wright's brigade, who saw that their wants were well attended to, giving up an old building to their accommodation."

Another correspondent says that they are being served with the government rations, as they cannot be supplied, and they must provide for their wants.

There are in all, at the places above named, not to exceed four thousand, probably, and yet the government has not fed them, and agents are sent out to beg clothing to keep them from suffering. Now let us suppose the programme of the Abolitionist carried out, emancipation declared, and then suppose it to be as effective as they assume it would be, and five hundred thousand or a million slaves, which would be only one-quarter of the whole number, should come flocking to our army to be fed and provided for to keep them from suffering. If abolitionized Kansas cries out, "What shall we do with these people?" when only a few hundreds come upon them, what would the army were they to come by tens of thousands? If eighteen hundred of them at Fortress Monroe is a small elephant to take care of, what kind of an elephant would it be if abolitionism had its way? It does not seem possible for any man, not crazily fanatical, to advocate a proposition so fraught with evil in every view as this one certainly is.

From the Toronto Leader of Saturday, Canadian Defence.

The announced object of Sir Fenwick Williams' visit to Quebec, his present Upper Canada tour, the movement of munitions of war from the seaboard to the interior, the construction of fortifications at exposed points of our lake coast, are amongst the circumstances which demonstrate the determination of the Imperial Government to discharge its whole duty to Canada, should hostilities occur. Now, as in other days, if war come, the full power of England will be in our defence. And though we think these precautionary preparations would have been better had they been undertaken earlier—though we believe that the present number of Imperial troops should have been quadrupled before the close of navigation, the signs we see about us may well silence the expressions of misgivings, and inspire our people with confidence in the future. With England to sustain us, what can we have to fear? We have nothing to fear, and the movement about us in language not to be mistaken that England intend will be organized wherever trials may be in store.