

William B. Hill, Esq., Secretary of State, delivered the following communication from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, February 7th, 1862.

To the House of Delegates:

Gentlemen:—I propose to deliver to-day, to Colonel Dixon S. Miles, of the United States Army, the Sword which, by resolution of the General Assembly at January session, 1860, the Governor was directed to procure and present to him.

If it meets the concurrence of your Honorable Body, I will make the presentation in the Hall of the House of Delegates, and at such hour as you may be pleased to designate.

A. W. BRADFORD.

Mr. McIntire submitted the following message:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Annapolis, February 7th, 1862.

To the Hon. A. W. BRADFORD, Governor of Maryland:

The House of Delegates, having received your message proposing to deliver to Colonel D. S. Miles, of the United States Army, the Sword, ordered by act of Legislature, at such an hour this day as this House may designate, would respectfully suggest the hour of 12 o'clock for that purpose, if that hour shall be acceptable to your Excellency.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,
Chief Clerk.

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

Mr. Phelps, from the committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to release William Delahay, former sheriff of Caroline county, from the payment of a balance appearing, upon the books of the Comptroller of the Treasury, to be due by him;''

Which was read a second time,

Pending which,

Mr. Phelps proposed the following:

Amend the 1st section, by adding, "it having been shown, by proper vouchers, that the whole amount has been paid to a State's attorney for said county;''

Which was adopted.

The bill was then, by special order, three-fourths concur-