

Mr. Chamberlain submitted the following message in reply:

*By the House of Delegates,*

February 28, 1862.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We have received your message asking the return to your Honorable Body, the preamble and resolutions on the subject of the course the State will pursue in the present rebellion, and herewith return the same.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,

Chief Clerk.

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

On motion of Mr. Carroll,

Ordered, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to report to this House, a tabular statement of the returns made by the several notaries public of the city of Baltimore, to his department for the years 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1861, designating by whom such returns were made of protests of notes, bills of exchange or drafts, and the dates respectively when such returns were made; and also, whether in any case an allowance has been made for expenses incident to the transacting of the business of said office of notary public in said city.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House forthwith send to the commissioners of the counties, and appeal tax court of Baltimore city, certified copies of bill number one hundred and nineteen, imposing a direct tax on the assessable property of the State.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Frederick,

Leave was granted the Frederick county delegation to report a bill authorising the captains of the several military companies in Frederick county, to contract for altering the flint lock guns belonging to the State, now in their possession, to percussion, at the State's expense.

Mr. Davis, of Montgomery, submitted the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

February 28, 1862.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

With the concurrence of your Honorable Body, we propose