

P R O C L A M A T I O N .

STATE OF MARYLAND.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.

ANNAPOLIS, *November 16th*, 1861.

WHEREAS, The people of Maryland have at their recent election, again expressed their unalterable devotion to the Union and the Government of our Fathers: and it is important that the Legislature should, as speedily as possible, conform to and carry into effect the will of the people so expressed, by furnishing all necessary aid to the government of the United States, in its efforts to suppress the unholy rebellion that seeks the dissolution of that Union and the destruction of that Government.

AND WHEREAS, There are other subjects connected therewith; of the deepest importance to the interest of the people of Maryland requiring prompt legislative action.

Now therefore, By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Maryland, I, THOMAS HOLLIDAY HICKS, Governor of Maryland, do hereby summon the members of the Senate and House of Delegates, to meet in their respective Chambers at the city of Annapolis, at noon on Tuesday, the third day of December proximo, to consider and determine the steps necessary to be taken to enable the State of Maryland to take her place with the other loyal States in defence of the Constitution and the Union.

Given under my hand and the great seal of Maryland, this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.



THOS. H. HICKS.

By the Governor,

GRAYSON EICHELBERGER,

Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

A committee of three was appointed by the Chair to wait upon Hon. Judge Brewer, and request his presence before the bar of the House to administer the oath of office to the members ;