

The President also laid before the Convention the following letter from the Secretary of State of the United States :

J. G. CHAPMAN, Esq., President of the Convention to revise the Constitution of Maryland, Annapolis :

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, 14th December, 1850.

Sir:—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., enclosing a report and resolution unanimously adopted by the Maryland Reform Convention, in relation to the measures of compromise passed by the Congress of the United States at its last session,—for the transmission of which I am greatly obliged to you. The voice of the State of Maryland, expressed by so numerous and respectable a Convention, so recently chosen by the people, cannot but produce great effect upon the public mind, and contribute to discountenance agitations, to produce reconciliation and harmony, and thereby to perpetuate the union of the States.

I am sir, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

DANIEL WEBSTER.

Which was read.

Mr. Spencer, moved that one thousand copies of said letters be printed for the use of the State, and that one copy be transmitted to the Governor's of each one of the States of this Union;

It being ascertained that there was no quorum, the question was not put.

The President also laid before the Convention communications from the Governors of the States of Rhode Island and New Jersey, covering the school laws of their respective States ;

Which were read and severally referred to the committee on Education.

Also, reports from the clerks of Carroll, Saint Mary's, Prince George's and Caroline counties, in obedience to the order of the Convention of the 15th ultimo ;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Also, reports from the clerks of the levy courts of Caroline, Talbot and Montgomery counties, in obedience to the order of the Convention of the 15th ult., in relation to the aggregate valuation and rate of tax, &c., for the years 1842-'3-'4-'5-'6-'7-'8-'9 and 1850.

Which were read and referred to the committee on Representation.

Mr. Sprigg, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Legislative Department be instructed to inquire into the expediency of engrafting into the constitution the following article, to wit:

That the sessions of the Legislature shall be annual, and shall commence on the first Monday of January next, ensuing the adop-