

Senate 1865 Jan. session

1. The first senators to appear were listed in alphabetical order by counties on 4 Jan. 1865. On Jan 5. the senators were listed in alphabetical order without county designation. Election returns were referred to for identification. (Committee report found later as Doc L)
2. Littleton Maclin's seat as senator from Howard Co. was contested by Hart B. Holton. 12 Jan 1865. Maclin was charged with being 'disloyal' under Article 1 section 4 of the new Maryland Constitution. The testimony appears in Document E. Maclin's election was voided 14 February 1865 by a vote of the senate 10 to 11. A protest against the taking of further testimony was filed in Document G. on 9 Feb 1865 and that Dr Maclin was not disloyal. Thomas Lansdale, Senator from Montgomery, offered a minority report from the committee on elections Document I. Holton took Maclin's seat 18 Feb. 1865.
3. It was ordered to be noted on the Journal 30 Jan 1865 that the absence of the senate from the beginning of the session until this day of Levin L. Waters, of Somerset Co. has been occasioned by his arrest and imprisonment in the city of Baltimore by U.S. military authorities. Leave was granted him on 31 Jan to visit his family for two weeks, since he had been absent from home for two months. Mr Waters seat in the senate was contested by Samuel A. Graham on 2 February 1865. Evidence was presented by the chair on March 9, and referred to the committee on elections. On 23 March it was referred to the next session of the Senate. Mr Waters served until the end of the session. In document F. he was charged with disloyalty. 1 Feb 1865.