

By THE SENATE,  
January 6, 1870. }

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We have received your message, informing us of the organization of your Honorable Body. The Senate has organized by the election of the Hon. Barnes Compton, President, and the appointment of Augustus Gassaway as Secretary. We are now ready to proceed with the business of the session, and concur with your Honorable Body in the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the General Assembly is prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Earle and Henkle.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Snyder submitted the following message :

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*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of the Joint Standing Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, as is required by the twenty-fourth section of the third Article of the Constitution, who shall have power to send for persons, and examine them on oath, and call for all public or official papers or records, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all contracts made for printing, stationery, and purchases for the public offices and the Library, and all expenditures therein, and upon all matters of alleged abuse in expenditures to which their attention may be called by resolution of either House of the General Assembly. We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Snyder, Clarke, Fields, Earle, Henry.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Denson submitted the following order :

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to confer and report upon the names of Ministers suitable to officiate as Chaplains in the Senate during the session.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Denson, Carroll and Earle.