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

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following messages:

> BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 14, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message proposing that the Committee on Printing of each House be made a Joint Committee, with power to contract for the printing, &c., and concur therein.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD. Chief Clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 18, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message proposing that the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, of each House, be made a Joint Committee, for the purpose of considering and reporting such alterations and amendments to the existing Oyster law as may be deemed expedient, and that said Joint Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and concur therein.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD, Chief Clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 14, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee of three members of the Senate and five members on the part of the House of Delegates, to visit the reformatory and beneficiary institutions of the State located in the city of Baltimore and vicinity, including the State Normal School, and report thereon, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the House of Delegates Messrs. Carroll, Hammond, Blake, Beck and Turner.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD, Chief Clerk.

Which were severally read.

The President announced a communication from his Excellency, Gov. Bowie, by the hands of R. C. Hollyday, Esq., Secretary of State, endorsed, on "Executive Business."