

Which was read.

Mr. Chapman submitted the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 4, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message asking the return, to your Honorable Body, of the message received from your House this morning, and herewith return the same.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 4, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message, proposing a Joint Committee of three on the part of the House and two of the Senate, to wait on the Governor, and concur therein. We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Blake and Compton.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY, Secretary.

Which was read.

Mr. Spencer submitted the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 4, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, that the Committee on Printing of each House, hereafter to be appointed, be made a "Joint Committee on Printing of both Houses," with power to contract for the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of the Senate and House of Delegates, all bills, reports, documents, and other matters ordered to be printed by either House; also, the laws and joint resolutions passed at the present Session of the General Assembly. That said committee invite proposals by public advertisement, for a reasonable time, for said printing, before contracting or agreeing for the same. That said contract or agreement be given to the lowest responsible bidder. That said committee may, if more economical and advantageous to the public interest, contract or agree for the printing of the laws separately from the other printing, and may contract with different persons for the different kinds of printing.