

subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution of the State.

Desiring through you to express to the General Assembly my high appreciation of the distinguished honor it has done me, in selecting me to fill the responsible and exalted position of Chief Magistrate of my native State; and with sentiments of high esteem for you personally,

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES B. GROOME.

To Messrs. Edward Lloyd and William M. Knight, Committee on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Andrew K. Stake, Andrew Annan and Lewis Turner, Jr., Committee on the part of the House of Delegates.

Mr. Stevens submitted the following message to the House of Delegates:

BY THE SENATE,

March 2nd, 1874.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We herewith return Senate bill entitled an Act to amend the Act of 1853, chapter 441, entitled an Act to continue the corporate existence of the several Banking Institutions therein mentioned, which had but two readings in the Senate before it was sent over to your Honorable Body, the second reading being had thereof on January 29th, 1874, and endorsed on bill through cover, as "Read a third time and passed by yeas and nays."

The Senate has given the bill a third reading this day, and passed the same by yeas and nays.

We respectfully ask your Honorable Body to pass the said bill again.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

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

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, reported favorably on

The House bill entitled an Act to add additional sections to Article XLI. of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Fish and Fisheries," sub-title "Patuxent."

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee on Education, reported