Mr. Freeman submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

February 15th, 1878.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message proposing that the Committee on Pensions of the Senate and House of Delegates, respectively, be constituted a Joint Committee, and concurtherein.

By order,

Augustus Gassaway,

Secretary.

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

Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal Section 296, and sub-Section 1, of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, entitled "Smithsburg," and to re-enact the same with amendments,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Worcester County, to erect and maintain a bridge over Herring Creek, in said county, and to levy a sum of money therefor,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal Section 55, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Montgomery County," sub-title "Rockville," relating to the election of four Commissioners as enacted by the Act of 1870, Chapter 170, and to re-enact said section with amendments,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The President announced the order of the day to be the following bill:

Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the Comptroller of the Treasury to adjust and settle the accounts due by Collectors, Sheriffs, Clerks of Courts, Registers of Wills, and other receivers of public moneys in cases where the indebtedness accrued prior to and including the year 1875.

Being upon its second reading,