Mr. Koons, from the same Committee, submitted the following minority

REPORT.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee of Conference, to whom was referred the matters of difference between the two Houses of the General Assembly, in relation to the valuation and assessment of property in this State, beg leave to report:

That they cannot concur in the recommendation of the majority of the Committee, in that, the property of the people of the State, invested on mortgages, should be exempted by law, which, in regard, as being in clear violation of the Bill of Rights, which provides, that every person shall pay taxes on all his property, in words following, to wit: "Any person in this State, or person holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes, for the support of the Government, according to his actual worth, in real and personal property;" and as the amendment adopted by the House, exempting mortgages from taxation, is thus, in our opinion, palpably unjust, we respectfully and earnestly ask the House to recede from its amendment in that regard, with the above exception we concur with the majority in the recommendation contained in their report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. AYDELOTTE,
JNO. A. KOONS.

Which was read.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the minority report.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The further consideration thereof was postponed, and

Said report made the order of the day for to-morrow, the 31st instant.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,
March 28th, 1876.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message of yesterday, informing us that the House did not concur in the amendment adopted by the Senate, to the bill authorizing the County Commissioners of Frederick county to fund the debt contracted by the School Commissioners of said county, and in reply, would respectfully state, that the Senate adheres to said amendment.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary.

Which was read.