

Mr. Curtis presented the petition of Alexander D. Brown, John Rush Street, Joshua H. Talbott and 14 others in favor of removal of Eastern Hay Scales.

Which was read, and referred to the Select Committee on that subject.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of G. N. Hollins, for a Pension.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Smith of Dorchester, submitted the following Message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 19th, 1876.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We have received your message proposing to appoint a Joint Committee of seven, on the Centennial, and respectfully concur therein.

We name as members of the Committee on part of the House, Messrs. Smith, of Dorchester, Loane, Brooke, Hodges, Rusk, Purnell and Dodson.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

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

Mr. Donaldson submitted the following Message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 19th, 1876.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

This House has referred to the Joint Standing Committee under Section 24, Article 3, of the Constitution, the inquiry as to the alleged receipt by the State Treasurer of interest or other consideration from banks or other depositories of State moneys for placing the same with them on deposit without accounting for such to the State.

This House therefore respectfully requests the concurrence of your Honorable Body in an instruction to said Committee that it do proceed at once with said inquiry, with authority not only to send for books, documents, papers and accounts, and summon and examine on oath witnesses, but also to sit during the sitting of either or both of the Houses of the Gen-