

dress to Barnes Compton, Esq., a joint letter informing him of his election as State Treasurer, and we concur therein.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

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

Mr. Whitelock submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Elections to which was referred the matter of the contested election from the City of Baltimore, be, and the same is hereby empowered and instructed to send for persons and papers, employ a stenographer and sufficient clerical force, and generally adopt such measures as may be necessary to secure a "fair, full and complete investigation" into allegations of the contestants as to the freedom and fairness of the election held in the City of Baltimore on the second day of November last, and that said Committee, either as a whole or by a Sub-Committee, hold its sessions for the purpose of taking evidence in the premises, in the City of Baltimore, and report the result of their investigation to this House at the earliest practical day.

Which was rejected.

Mr. Smith, of Dorchester, submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Comptroller of the State Treasury report to this House at an early day the annual receipts from all sources into "Oyster Fund" for each and every year since the creation of that "Fund," and the annual disbursements for each and every year as aforesaid in detail, for the use and maintenance of the Oyster Police of the State.

Which was adopted.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 19th, 1876.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We have received your message proposing to enlarge the Joint Committee on the Boundary Line between the States of Virginia and Maryland, by adding thereto the name of Mr. Benjamin Lankford of your House, and concur therein.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read.