

The President presented the following communication :

PRINCE FREDERICK, Jan'y 1, 1876.

To the Presiding Officer of the Senate of Maryland :

I herewith transmit the various papers, showing the evidence on the part of Joseph S. Wilson, Esq., contesting the election of Nathaniel Duke, Esq., to a seat in your Honorable Body. I also send the ballots cast in the Second Election District, which Mr. Wilson deems necessary to support his case.

Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
S. SOLLERS, J. P.

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

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
January 10th, 1876.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We have received your message proposing to appoint a Joint Committee, to consist of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to wait on his Excellency John Lee Carroll, the Governor elect, and to notify him of his election, and request his attendance in the Senate Chamber on Wednesday next at 12 o'clock, noon, to qualify according to the Constitution, and respectfully concur therein. We have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Hoblitzell, Neal and Lancaster.

By order,
MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

The President presented the following communication and accompanying document from the Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Annapolis, January 11th, 1876.

Hon. Daniel Fields, President of the Senate.

Dear Sir :—I have the honor to transmit to your Honorable Body a statement, showing the exact condition of the Tobacco Fund, called for by an order of the House of Dele-