THURSDAY, May 9th, 1861.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following messages:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

May 8th, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We propose, with your concurrence, to refer the accompanying bill of Chippaway Tribe, No. 19, Improved Order of Red Men, to the Committee on Claims of both Houses, as a joint special committee, to consider and report on the same.

By order,

M. Y. Kidd, Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

By the House of Delegates,

May 8th, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that a joint special committee to consist of five persons be appointed, two by the President of the Senate, and three by the Speaker of the House, to report at the next meeting of the Legislature, whether any, and if any, what alterations ought to be made in the Militia system of this State, and that the said committee be authorised to report by bill or otherwise, and that said committee be empowered to sit during the recess of the Legislature, and to consult or employ such competent military advisers as they deem proper to assist them in their labors; Provided, the expenses of said committee shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

We have appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Compton, Sangston and Briscoe.

By order,

M. Y. Kidd,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Militia,