

county, copied by the clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, and deposited among the records of his office.

Mr. Harrington, from the committee on colored population, reported favorably on the bill entitled, an act to allow Charlotte Ann Wheat, a free woman of color, to remain in the State.

Mr. Partridge from the committee on Judiciary, reported favorably a bill entitled, an act to refund to Thomas E. Martin, William S. Weedon and William T. Stinchcomb, a certain sum of money illegally forfeited and paid by them into the Treasury;

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Askey,
The House took up the following messages:

By the House of Delegates,
March 6th, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received the message from your honorable body, proposing a joint committee to consider the report of the commissioners appointed to codify the laws of this State, to be considered by them during the recess.

We concur in your proposition, and have appointed Messrs. _____, on our part, to join the gentlemen named by your honorable body.

By order,

THOS. H. KENT, of Joseph, Clerk.

Mr. Abbott offered the following as a substitute:

By the House of Delegates,
March 6th, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to sit during the recess of the Legislature, to revise the work of the commissioners appointed to codify the laws.

We are of opinion that it would be inexpedient, even if we thought it our duty, under the constitution to appoint such committee.

And, as we further think that such a course would only add to the expense of that matter, without securing further certainty as to the correctness of the work, we beg leave to decline naming any persons on the part of this House to join the gentlemen appointed by your honorable body.

By order,
THOMAS H. KENT, of Jos., Clerk.