

The said bill was then returned to the Senate.

Mr. Lester, from a select committee, reported favorably on the Senate bill entitled, an act amendatory of an act entitled, an act for the protection of the property of the fire companies in the city of Baltimore, passed December session 1837, chapter 190;

Mr. Hall submitted the following message :

By the House of Delegates,

March 10th, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message, proposing to appoint a joint committee of three from each House, to visit and inspect the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, for the purpose of inquiring into its condition, &c., with reference to the State's further disposition of her interest therein, and to report to the next General Assembly; and informing us that you have appointed Messrs. Hoffman, Davis and Sothoron.

We concur in your proposition, and name on the part of this House Messrs. _____ to join the gentlemen appointed by your honorable body.

By Order,

THOMAS H. KENT, of Jos., Clerk.

Mr. Travers moved to fill the blank with the names of five instead of three;

The question being taken, it was

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Duvall moved to reconsider the vote just taken ;

Which was determined in the negative.

Mr. Partridge submitted the following message :

By the House of Delegates,

March 10th, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We have received the message of your honorable body, proposing a joint committee to inspect and report upon the condition of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal,

Inasmuch as we think it inexpedient to institute such inquiry, we respectfully decline to concur in such appointment.

By order,

THOMAS H. KENT, of Jos., Clerk.