

and John Nick. Watkins, Chief Clerk; and propose to sit from 9, A. M. until 3 o'clock, P. M., for the despatch of public business;

Which was read.

Mr. Brown moved to amend the same by striking out 9, A. M. and inserting 12, M.;

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

The said message was amended by striking out all from the word clerk to the end thereof.

The said message was then assented to and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Ristean submitted the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

*December 27th, 1842.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses of the Legislature, to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that we are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. We have appointed Messrs. Ristean and Simpser to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body;

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

Mr. Phelps submitted the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

*December 27th, 1842.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses of the Legislature, with the concurrence of your honorable body, upon the Library. We have nominated on the part of this House Messrs. Phelps, Starr and Tuck;

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

On motion of Mr. Starr,

Ordered, That Messrs. Starr and Neff be a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Merriken, and request his attendance in this House each day during the present session, at such hour as the House may adopt for meeting for the purpose of performing divine worship.

On motion of Mr. Causin,

Ordered, That Henry G. S. Key, present and contending for a seat in this House as a delegate from St. Mary's county, have a place assigned him within the bar.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Randall, Murray and Tuck to bring in a bill to fix the per diem of the members of the legislature and of the several officers thereof.

On motion of Mr. Welsh,