

the message offered by him yesterday, for the appointment of a joint committee on the currency and banks:—

Mr. Phelps offered as a substitute the following:

Ordered, That the Speaker appoint a committee of seven members, to enquire what modifications, if any, should be made of our present banking system, and suggest such measures as they may deem most appropriate to ensure an early resumption of specie payments.

Mr. Risteau offered as a substitute for the message and last order, the following:

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House of Delegates appoint a committee of seven, to examine into the banking system of this State, the causes which have led to the suspension of specie payments by the banks; and adopt some safe plan, by insuring a better circulating medium, and guarding against the like occurrence hereafter; and report to this House, at as early a period as practicable, by bill or otherwise.

The clerk of the Senate delivered the following message:

*By the Senate,*

*January 2d, 1840.*

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message, proposing an interchange of services between the Rev. gentlemen, selected by your honorable body, to perform Divine worship, and the Rev. gentleman selected by the Senate; and concur therein.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clerk.

Also, a bill, entitled an act to confirm an act to amend the Constitution and form of government of this State, limiting the future Sessions of the General Assembly;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Spencer, laid on the table.

The Secretary of State delivered the following communication from the Executive:—

[See Document A.]

Which was read.

Mr. Holmes offered the following order:

Ordered, That 632 copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Owens moved to amend the said motion, by reducing the number to 316.

On the question being put, will the House adopt the said amendment? determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Gaither the yeas and nays were required, and appear as follows;

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Williams,	Martin	Wilmer
Speaker	Colston	Temples
Coad	Cottman	Bravard
Blakistone	Frazier	Selby