

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the State's Finances be referred to the committee on Ways and Means to be hereafter appointed.

On motion of Mr. McKaig,

Ordered that so much of the message of the Executive as relates to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company be referred to the Standing committee on Internal Improvement to be hereafter appointed. And also that the report of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company accompanying the message be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Potter, submitted the following, order :

Ordered, That the usual number of the message of the Executive just read, be printed for the use of the House, which was read.

Mr. Murray moved to amend said message by striking out the words "the usual number," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three thousand copies."

Mr. Powder, offered as a substitute for said order and amendment the following:

Ordered, That five times the usual number of the message of the Executive, just read, be printed for the use of the members of the House.

Which was read.

The question was first taken on the amendment as offered by Mr. Murray, and determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the substitute offered by Mr. Powder, and determined in the negative.

The question then recurred, and was put on the original order as offered by Mr. Potter, and determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Naill, submitted the following message, which was read and assented to.

*By the House of Delegates.*

*December 27th, 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*

We propose an interchange of services between the Rev. Mr. Merrikin, selected by this House to perform divine service, and the gentlemen selected by your honorable body.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, clerk.

Mr. Hopewell, submitted the following message which was read :

*By the House of Delegates.*

*December, 27th 1843.*

*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.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, clerk.