

*By the House of Delegates,
February 15th, 1844.*

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We propose with the concurrence of your Honorable body, to appoint a joint committee of _____ Houses, to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, in _____ to attend in the Senate Chamber, at 2 o'clock on Monday next, to sign and seal the engrossed bills. We have appointed on the part of this House, Messrs. Freeman and Weber.

By order,

Geo. G. Brewer, clerk.

The hour having arrived for taken up the order of the day.

The house then resumed the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Johnson, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, passed at March session 1841, chapter 23.

Mr. Ligon moved to amend said bill by striking out the 12th section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following :

"Section 12. And whereas, the levy courts or commissioners of tax, in several of the counties of this State, have failed to levy the assessment or tax imposed by an act of Assembly, passed in April 1841, "entitled, an act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State," or its supplements as prescribed by the fifty-second section of said original act for the years 1842 and 1843, therefore,

Be it enacted, That for the years 1842 and 1843, respectively a tax be, and is hereby imposed of twenty-five cents on every hundred dollars worth of assessable property, within such counties as have failed to impose such assessment or tax within their respective jurisdictions, with the usual commissions thereon, for the use of the collector or collectors of the same, said tax to be collected and paid into the Treasury, according to the provisions of this bill ; and the commissioners of tax or levy courts of said counties, be and they are hereby required under a penalty of one thousand dollars, (said penalty to be prosecuted and recovered as other penalties are recovered by the laws of this State,) to deliver up the assessment books of said counties to the county clerks of said counties, who are hereby required under a like penalty, to make out the tax bills for such counties, and place them in the hands of the collectors of tax; and also, to give such extracts or information from the assessment books of said counties, to the collector or collectors of tax, as will enable the officers appointed under the provisions of this act, to proceed with the collections of State taxes in said counties, for which service the county clerks of said counties shall be allowed the same compensation that is now allowed by law to the clerks of the levy courts for similar services; said compensation for the county clerks, to be levied and collected as other county charges."