

*By the House of Delegates,*

*December 26th, 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

The House of Delegates is ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have chosen William H. Watson, esquire, Speaker, and George G. Brewer, Chief Clerk.

By order, George G. Brewer, Clerk.

Allen Thomas, esq., a delegate returned for Anne Arundel county, and Thomas Owen, esq., a delegate returned for Cecil county, severally appeared, qualified and took their seats.

Mr. Harrison submitted the following order:

Ordered, that Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ be a committee to wait upon the Rev. Mr. Merrikin 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.

Which was read.

The blanks in said order having been filled by the chair with the names of Messrs. Harrison, and Stansbury of Baltimore county, it was read the second time and adopted.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,*

*December 26, 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose with your concurrence, to appoint a joint committee of the two Houses to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and inform him that the Legislature is organized for the dispatch of public business, and ready to receive any communication he may think proper to make. Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ are appointed on the part of this House. By order,

George G. Brewer, Clerk.

Which was read.

The blank in said message having been filled by the chair with the names of Messrs. Semmes and Stewart of Dorchester,

It was read the second time, assented to and sent to the Senate.

The clerk of the Senate delivered the following message :

*By the Senate,*

*December 26th, 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

The Senate having organized by the appointment of Richard Thomas, esquire, President, and Joseph H. Nicholson Chief Clerk, are ready to proceed with the business of the session, and propose to sit from 11 o'clock, A. M., until 3 o'clock, P. M.

By order, Joseph H. Nicholson, Clerk.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Yellott,