

By the Senate,
December 31st, 1844.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the Legislature is organised for the despatch of business, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and concur therein. Messrs. Ely and Quynn are appointed on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named on the part of your Honorable Body.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clk.

Which was read.

Messrs. Potter and Biser, the gentlemen from the joint committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the House was ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make, informed the House that the Governor was absent from the city, but had left his message with the Secretary of State, who would transmit it to the Legislature.

The Secretary of State, then delivered the following communication from the Executive, (being his annual message,)

(See Document A.)

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Frederick,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, be referred to a select committee, to be appointed by the Chair.

Mr. Johnson, of Anne Arundel, submitted the following resolutions :

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

Resolved, That so much of the said message as relates to the several internal improvements in this State, except that portion of the subject already referred to a select committee, be referred to the committee on that subject, hereafter to be appointed.

Resolved, That so much of said message as relates to the Penitentiary, be referred to the committee upon that subject, hereafter to be appointed.

Which were read and assented to.

Mr. Ware submitted the following order :

Ordered, That three thousand copies of the message of the Executive, just delivered and read to the House, be printed for the use of the House ;

Which was twice read.

Mr. Kilgour moved to amend said order by striking out "three thousand;" and inserting in lieu thereof "one hundred and eleven;"

Resolved in the affirmative.