Mr. Firey submitted the following message:

By the Senate, January 3d, 1862.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message, proposing to refer so much of the Governor's Message to the General Assembly at its present session, as relates to the close of his official connection with the Legislature and the people of the State, to a joint committee, to consist of three members of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Fiery, Harrison and Briscoe, said committee.

By order,

C. Harwood, Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Eichelberger,

The Senate preceded to the consideration of Executive business.

After a time the Senate resumed the consideration of Legislative business, and took up for consideration the following order:

Ordered, That no per diem shall be allowed to any Senator violating the 18th rule of the Senate, and that the Secretary notify the committee on Claims thereof and of all violations of said rule;

Mr. Whitaker submitted the following amendment:

"Unless the Senate, upon hearing his excuse for absence, shall otherwise order;"

Which was read.

Mr. Eichelberger submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

Insert after the word Senate, in the second line the words "during the actual sitting of the Senate;"

Which was read.

The question upon its adoption,

Was determined in the negative.

The question upon the amendment submitted by Mr. Whitaker was,

Determined in the negative.