

Leave was granted the committee on the Judiciary, hereafter to be appointed, to introduce a bill to amend the law of evidence.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Leave was granted Messrs. Alexander, Donaldson and Price, to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act authorising the Court of Appeals to hear and determine at the present term thereof, the appeal of the State of Maryland, from an order lately passed by the Circuit Court for, Baltimore city, in the cause therein, on the information of the State of Maryland, against the Northern Central Railway Company and others.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following:

*By the Senate.*

December 4, 1861.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message proposing a joint committee to wait upon the Governor, and have appointed Messrs. Smith, Briscoe and Firey, on the part of the Senate.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,

Secretary.

The Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him of the organization of the House, reported through Mr. Herbert, Chairman, that His Excellency will immediately make a communication to the House of Delegates.

The following communication, with accompanying documents was received from the Governor at the hands of Thomas J. Wilson, Esq., Secretary of State.

(See Document A.)

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Creswell,

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Governor's Message be printed for distribution by the members of this House among the people of the State.

Mr. McCoy moved to amend, by striking out "five" and inserting "ten" thousand copies;

Which was lost.

The question then recurring upon the original order;