

members of the Senate, and three members on the part of the House.

We have selected Messrs. Hammond, of Howard, Dunlop and Harrison, to unite with such gentlemen as you may appoint.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Price submitted the following message :

By the House of Delegates,
January 3d, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We have received your message in regard to the oath of allegiance, and assent thereto.

We have appointed Messrs. Price, Creswell and Findlay, to meet the gentlemen appointed by the Senate.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Alexander moved to amend the message :

By striking out the words "and assent thereto" and all that follows, and inserting "the subject referred to is of very great importance and interest, and we would prefer that it should be considered and disposed of by the independent action of the two Houses.

"We beg leave therefore, respectfully, to decline a concurrence in your proposition."

Which was rejected.

The message, as submitted by Mr. Price, was then assented to and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably the bill entitled, An act to appropriate a sum of money for the redemption and re-payment of unused stamps, and to authorize the Comptroller to redeem the same;

Which was read the first time.