

TUESDAY, January 12th, 1864.

Mr. Briscoe, the Senator from Calvert county, appeared in the Senate Chamber, and took his seat.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 11th, 1864.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message informing us of the proposed reference of so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the calling of a Constitutional Convention, to a joint committee of five, and concur therein. We have appointed on the part of this House Chas. E. Trail, R. B. McCoy and J. S. Tyson, Jr.

By order,

WILLIAM R. COLE,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Also, returned the bill entitled, "An Act to repeal section 118 of article 11 of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to Frederick county, and to re-enact the same with amendments;"

Endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays."

On motion of Mr. Eichelberger,

Leave was granted the committee on Judicial Proceedings to report a bill to amend the 37th article of the Public General Laws, by repealing the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of said article, relating to the competency of witnesses, and inserting in lieu thereof other sections relating to the competency of witnesses and the examination of parties.

On motion of Mr. Given,

Leave was granted the committee on Agriculture to report a bill for the protection of sheep, and the taxing of dogs in Baltimore county.

On motion of Mr. Rowles,

Leave was granted Messrs. Rowles, Ohr and Bayne to report a bill to authorize the transcribing one of the Record Books in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard county.