Mr. Fiery submitted the following order:

Ordered, That Messrs. Mittag and Sneary, be appointed printers to the Senate, and that the committee on Printing be authorized to contract with them for that purpose;

Which was read.

Mr. Rowles submitted the following amendment:

Strike out "Mittag and Sneary" and insert "Baily and Sherwood;"

Which was read.

Pending the consideration of which the President announced the hour had arrived for proceeding to the election of United States Senator.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates, delivered the following messages:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 8, 1864.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message proposing to go into an election for the United States Senator for the unexpired term of Hon. James A. Pearce, deceased, at 12½ o'clock, and concur therein.

We have nominated on the part of the House Hon. T. H. Hicks, and Hon. Samuel Hambleton.

By Order,

WILLIAM R. COLE, Chief Clerk.

By the House of Delegates, January 8, 1864.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have the honor to inform you that the House of Delegates has appointed Rev. Mr. Davenport and Rev. Mr. Owen, Chaplains.

We propose an interchange of services, with the gentleman who may be appointed by your Honorable Body.

By order,

WILLIAM R. COLE, Chief Clerk.

Which were read

The Senate proceeded to the Election of United States Senator.