

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message:

By the Senate,

December 27th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee of the two houses to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor; and on the part of the Senate we have appointed Messrs. Wright and Schley to join the gentlemen named by you.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following order,

Ordered, That there be appointed by the Chair a special committee to consist of seven members, which shall be denominated the Committee on the Currency, and whose duty it shall be diligently and carefully to inquire into the state and condition of the circulating medium in use in this State, and into the situation, practices and condition of each and every of the banking institutions of the State, and to the end that their enquiries shall be as perfect as possible, they shall have power to send for, and cause to be brought before them, persons and papers, and to examine said persons upon oath, and a full report thereon to make to this House at as early a day as conveniently may be, accompanied by such bill or bills for the remedy of existing evils as, upon a full view of the subject referred to them, they may judge to be necessary or expedient.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Bowie moved to amend said order, by striking out "seven," and inserting in lieu thereof "nine;"

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Alexander moved to amend said order by striking out "seven," and inserting in lieu thereof "five;"

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Turner, of Baltimore county, offered as a substitute for said order, the following:

By the House of Delegates,

December 27th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with your concurrence the appointment of a joint committee of three from this House to act conjointly with such committee as your Honorable body may think proper to appoint, to examine into the condition of the Banks of this State, and inquire into the cause of their suspension of specie payments, and redemption of their notes, in conformity with the stipulation of their charters, and that said committee have full power to examine the books and papers with the amount of specie and other available property or assets on hand, and that said committee be authorised and empowered to take testimony on oath, if necessary, with a due regard to the faithful discharge of their duty, and that they have power to send for persons and papers, and that said committee