

The President laid before the Senate, a communication from the clerk of Somerset county court, relative to the attendance of the judges of that court,

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates.

Mr. Cottman submitted the following message; which was read and adopted:

By the Senate,
January 1, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message proposing to appoint a joint committee on the Library, and have appointed, on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Cottman, Bowie and Ricaud, to act with the gentlemen appointed by your honorable body.

By order,
J. H. Nicholson, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message:

By the House of Delegates,
January 1, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to proceed this day at 12 o'clock, to the election of Governor, agreeably to the provisions of the constitution and form of government of this State. Thomas W. Veazey, of Cecil county, has been put in nomination on the part of this house, and we have appointed Messrs. Beall and Maulsby, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body, to count the ballots and report the result.

By order,
G. G. Brewer, clk.

On motion of Mr. Cottman,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Cottman, Beckett and Bowie, to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, an act to limit the sessions of the General Assembly in every alternate year.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to which the leave was granted, reported a bill entitled, an act to alter, repeal and abolish all that part of the constitution and form of government which inhibits the Senate from originating or amending a money bill,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Tidball presented the petition of Thomas Brown, of Washington county, for a special act of insolvency,

Which was read and referred to the committee on insolvency;

Mr. Cottman submitted the following order,

Which was read and adopted:

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate; to investigate the affairs of the Penitentiary, be authorised to contract for the