

and fidelity, with which they have discharged the arduous duties thereby devolved upon them.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

The following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, That the thanks of the Senate are due and are hereby tendered to Joseph H. Nicholson, John N. Watkins and Samuel W. Spencer, Esquires, clerks to the Senate, for the faithful and courteous manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

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

By the House of Delegates,  
March 20, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We herewith return you the resolution relating to the bond of State printer, in accordance with the request in your message.

By order,  
G. G. Brewer, clk.

The resolution referred to in said message, was reconsidered, assented to and returned to the house of delegates.

Also, delivered the following message,

By the House of Delegates,  
March 30, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The mass of business before this house, has prevented us from bestowing as much consideration upon the bills from your honorable body, herewith returned, and not passed by us, as their importance seemed to require; we accompany them with this explanation, that the unfavorable action may not prejudice these measures in the estimation of subsequent legislatures.

By order,  
G. G. Brewer, clk.

And returned the report and resolutions which originated in the Senate, relative to a retrocession of a part of the territory of the District of Columbia, to the State of Maryland, endorsed "dissented from."

Also returned the resolution which originated in the Senate, requiring the judges of the several election districts of Anne Arundel county, to ascertain the sense of the people of said county relative to the erection of Howard district, endorsed "dissented from."

Also returned the following bills which originated in the Senate, severally endorsed "will pass."

The bill entitled, an act for the appointment of commissioners to designate a place of election in the Salisbury district in Somerset county, and

The bill entitled, an act to authorise the Register of the Land Office of the Western Shore, to issue a warrant of resurvey and patent for certain lands in Allegany county.