

collections of the said sheriff, severally passed by that house November 15, 1806; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

By the SENATE, November 15, 1806.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

THE senate, regarding the establishment of county schools as an object of primary consideration, and believing that the situation and wishes of the people of this state seriously call on their legislature to provide, at their present session, some system of education, which, by offering to all classes of society a more economical and accessible mode of educating their children than now does or has hitherto existed in this state, will be the means of encouraging literature and disseminating learning more generally, propose that a joint committee should be appointed to investigate this important subject, and to report what system would be most likely to produce those valuable purposes. We are further induced to propose a conference on so interesting a measure, when we reflect, that should the senate be of opinion that appropriations of money in the treasury, as contemplated by the act of 1805, should be made for the support and establishment of schools, they are constitutionally precluded, (how wisely it does not now remain with them to say,) from originating a bill containing a provision of that nature, and should a bill making such appropriations originate in your house, we are restrained from all alteration and amendment, and will be restricted to the alternative of a total rejection or adoption of the same, in the manner in which it was passed by you. The sentiments of the two branches of the legislature, we conceive, would be communicated more readily and satisfactorily in conference than by any other manner. Under those impressions, and supposing you will readily concur with our proposition, we have named Mr. Partridge, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Williams, a committee on the part of the senate to meet such gentlemen as you may please to appoint for that purpose.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 17, 1806.

**P**RESENT the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Gibson. The members present adjourn until to-morrow, post meridiem, 3 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 18, 1806.

**P**RESENT the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Partridge and Mr. Williams. Mr. Duckett appeared in the senate.

The members present adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 19, 1806.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Partridge and Mr. Williams, appeared in the senate. The proceedings from Saturday the 15th instant, inclusive, were read.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from Mark Benton, Esquire, declining to accept a seat in the senate; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the House of delegates by the clerk.

By the SENATE, November 19, 1806.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

WE have been informed by our clerk, that in delivering the message last sent to your house from the senate, he was not received in the customary form, no annunciation being made of a message, as has hitherto been when a communication was to be received by one branch of the legislature from the other; we wish to be informed why this was omitted, whether it was by any order of your house, and if so, let us know the reasons that have induced you to depart from that form of communication between the two houses which has been observed for years. For one house to adopt a mode of receiving or sending messages different from that which has been long observed and practised, without previously informing the other of the alteration, appears to us, to say the least of it, novel in the history of the interchange of legislative communication, and eventually will interrupt that facility and harmony of intercourse which has hitherto subsisted between the two branches.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the justices of the orphan courts to take sheriff's bonds, passed by that house November 15, 1806; a bill, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county into electoral districts, passed by that house November 17, 1806: The following resolution:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 17, 1806.

**RESOLVED**, That Friday next be the time appointed for choosing a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States in the place of the honourable Robert Wright, Esquire, elected governor; that the