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the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following messages; which were laid on the table.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 20, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose that a joint committee from the two branches of the legislature be appointed to visit the penitentiary, and to report the situation of the same, and that they have power to send for and examine persons, books and papers, relative to the administration of said institution.

We have appointed, on the part of this house, Messrs Spencer, Eccleston, M. Clean, Tyson and Farquhar, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honourable body.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 17, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing a recess, and beg leave to propose a conference by a committee on that subject, and have named Messrs. Duvall, John Edelen and Willson, a committee on the part of this house.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Osborn Sprigg; a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore Athenæum; and a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts of the several counties in this state, which were laid on the table.

The senate adjourned until to morrow morning 10 o'clock

TUESDAY, December 21, 1824.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Chambers. The proceedings of Thursday and yesterday were read

The message from the house of delegates relating to the recess of the legislature, and the message relating to the Maryland penitentiary, were read.

The bill for the relief of Osborn Sprigg, was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Brownley, Claude, Orrell and Quinton.

The bill to incorporate the Baltimore Athenæum was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Scott, Miller and Brownley.

The supplement to the act for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts in the several counties of this state, was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Scott offered the following messages; which were read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, Dec 21, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We agree to your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee from the two branches of the legislature to visit the penitentiary, and to report the situation of the same, with power to send for and examine persons, books and papers, relative to the administration of the said institution; and have appointed Messrs. Scott, Thomas and Brownley on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named for that purpose on the part of your honourable body.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, December 21, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We agree to your message proposing a committee of conference on the subject of a recess, and have appointed Messrs. Scott and Dickinson, on the part of the senate, to confer with the gentlemen named in your message.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

Mr. Thomas offered the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, December 21, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message in reply to the message of the senate, proposing to appoint a joint committee of conference to contract for the printing of the daily proceedings of the legislature, and regret that your honourable body have thought fit to depart from the established usage hitherto adopted by the two branches of the legislature, which usage had been adopted at the suggestion of the senate.

The senate cannot recognize in the house of delegates the exclusive right to contract for the printing of the proceedings of the legislature, and again propose to appoint a joint committee of conference on that subject.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

The president laid before the senate the following communication, which was read.

Washington City, Decr. 11th, 1824.

SIR,—Having recently published in 4 volumes royal octavo, an edition of the "Journals of the first American Congress" comprising their proceedings from the 5th day of September 1774, to the adoption of the present constitution, we offer a few copies for sale to the legislatures of the state governments of the United States. The original edition of this very valuable American Text Book, was printed in 13 volumes, the present is comprehended in only 4 volumes, retaining all the matter of the first edition, together with a very elaborate and copious index to each volume. The price of the present edition has been reduced to \$20, full bound and lettered. To public bodies taking ten or more copies, one third per cent discount is allowed. We respectfully request that you will submit the subject of this communication to the consideration of that branch of the legislature over which you preside. We are, respectfully sir, your obedient servants,

WAY & GIBSON.

The honourable President of the Senate, Annapolis, Maryland.