

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

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message which was read.

By the House of Delegates, December 26th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message informing us that your honorable body had formed a house and are ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have also formed a quorum, and chosen the honorable James W. M'Culloh, Speaker, and John Brewer, Chief Clerk. We concur in your proposition to set for the dispatch of public business, from 10 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the evening.

By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

On motion, ordered, that Messrs. Marriott, Sewell, and Whitely be a committee to examine and report on the proceedings of the Electors of the Senate.

On motion, ordered, that a committee be appointed by the president to report such rules and regulations as they may deem advisable for the government of the senate, during its present session. Messrs. Thomas, Dennis, and Rees, were appointed the said committee.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message, which was read and laid on the table.

By the House of Delegates, December 27th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body to appoint a committee, to consist of five members of this house, and three members of the senate, to contract for the printing of the laws which may be passed, and all other printing that may be required by the legislature during the present session.

We have appointed Messrs. Barnes, Stevens, Tyson, Compton, and John W. Thomas the committee on the part of this house.

By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

On motion, ordered, that the following committees be appointed by the president, viz:

A committee on bills, relating to out pensioners, to consist of three members.

A committee on insolvent bills, to consist of three members.

A committee on divorce bills, to consist of three members.

A committee on ways and means, to consist of five members.

A committee on internal improvement, to consist of five members.