

missioners for the regulation and improvement of Snow-Hill, in Worcester county, and for other purposes.—Ordered, that messrs. Spencer, Rees and Harrison, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The report of the committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations for the government of the senate, was read a third time, concurred in, and ordered to be printed.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, an act to alter and change the name of James Mills of Dorchester county, to the name of James Applegarth, which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Marriott, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act relating to the removal of causes for trial, to the third judicial district.—Ordered, that messrs. Marriott, Johnson and Sewell, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee, reported a bill, entitled, an act to revive and extend the provisions of an act, entitled, an act to provide for the appointment of commissioners, for the regulation and improvement of Snow Hill, in Worcester county, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and laid on the table.

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

By the Senate, December 30th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of yesterday, in which you state, you cannot concur with us in constituting a joint committee to contract for the printing of the acts of the legislature, during the present session, and the journal of proceedings of the two houses.—In making this proposal, we did not intend to entrench upon your privileges, or extend our own, nor did we apprehend, that in so doing, we departed from our legislative usages.

We conceive it will be conceded, that each branch of the legislature, has the power to contract separately for the printing of the journal of its proceedings, and the supply of its own fuel, stationary, &c.—The printing of the laws, as they are joint acts of both houses, ought to be contracted for, either jointly, or by a concurrent vote of the two houses.

You propose entering into contracts both of the former and latter description. In making the necessary appropriation to carry such contracts into execution, the two houses are co-equal and co-ordinate.

The consent of each is equally necessary to carry it into execution, the dissent of either is equally fatal. We therefore conceive that the committee from this house, should be equal to that of yours. The measure we propose we do not regard as a departure from our legislative usage, for, although we are aware that the legislature of the last year, did constitute a joint committee for a similar purpose, with the relative number