The following Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table :--

By the Honorable Mr. Paquet—Of Octave Bourgouin and Napoléon Bourgouin, of the cities of Montreal and St. Hyacinthe, in the Province of Quebec.

By the Honorable Mr. Ryan-Of the Exchange Bank of Canada.

His Honor the Speaker informed the House that he had requested the Honor. able Richard William Scott and the Honorable Adam Hope, to attend and represent the Senate at the funeral of the late Honorable David Christie.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the Maritime Bank, of the Dominion of *Canada*, as on the 13th December, 1880;

And also,—A List of the Shareholders of the Exchange Bank of Canada, Montreal, made up to the 13th December, 1880.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:---

## (Vide Sessional Papers, No. 27.)

On motion of the Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Aikins, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs Boyd, Brouse, de Boucherville, Hope, Macfarlane, Scott, Thibaudeau, Trudel and Vidal, be appointed a Committee to enquire into the best means to be adopted to obtain correct Reports of the Debates and Proceedings of the Senate, and for the publication of the same, and to report, from time to time, their views to the House.

The Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, Postmaster General, informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :---

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

I thank you heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address. You may rely upon my earnest wish to cooperate with you in your efforts to improve the welfare of the people of the Dominion.

LORNE.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, December 16th, 1880.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, in the following words :--

House of Commons,

TUESDAY, 14th December, 1880.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate, requesting that their Honors will unite with this House in the formation of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of Parliament; and that the members of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, viz:-Honorable M. Bowell, Messieurs Bannerman, Bourassa, Bunting, Charlton, Costigan, Desjardins, Lantier, McDonald (Cape Breton), Ross (Middlesex), Stephenson, Tassé, Thompson (Haldimand), Trow and Wallace (Norfolk), will act as Members of the said Joint Committee on the Printing of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest,

JOHN GEORGE BOURINOT, Clerk of the Commons.