

authority to send for persons and papers, to enquire into and ascertain in what manner the present Chancellor has performed his official duties; whether he has in any case abused the high power with which he is clothed, evaded the laws of the land, or disregarded the decisions of the Court of Appeals. And further whether in the opinion of the committee, it be expedient to abolish the High Court of Chancery. We have appointed Messrs.

on the part of the Senate to act in conjunction with the gentlemen named by you.

Mr. Mayer moved to amend the message as follows:

Strike out all the message after the words "Court of Appeals" and insert:

"We beg leave to dissent from that portion of your message which proposes an enquiry into the propriety of abolishing the Court of Chancery, especially in connection with an investigation into the official conduct of the Chancellor; and that the inquiries of the committee be limited to the latter subject."

The question was put,

"Will the Senate assent to said amendment?"

The yeas and nays were asked for, and on taking them they appeared as follows:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**

Messrs. Claude,  
Groome,

Mayer,—3.

**NEGATIVE.**

Messrs. Chapman, (Prest.)  
Emory,  
Hughlett,  
Morris,  
Osborn,

Pigman,  
Sappington,  
Wilson,  
Wootton,—9

So it was determined in the negative.

The President then named Messrs Wootton, Mayer, Pigman, Groome and Sappington, to compose the committee.

On motion of Mr. Groome,

He was excused from serving on said committee, and Mr. Wilson was named to supply the vacancy.

Mr. Sappington asked leave to be excused from serving on said committee,

The question was put and determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Wootton,

He was excused from serving as the chairman of said committee.