

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to introduce a bill entitled "an Act to repeal section three of chapter 246, passed at the January session 1868, entitled 'an Act to aid in the establishment of a hospital in connection with the Washington University of Baltimore, and to appropriate money for the same,'" and to re-enact the same in the following amended form.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following messages :

Which were read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 6, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee, consisting of three members of the Senate and four members of the House of Delegates, to visit and examine into the condition of the Maryland Penitentiary.

We have appointed, on the part of the House of Delegates, Messrs. Blake, Baldwin, of Harford, Lankford, and Shipley.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 11, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, as is required by the 24th section of Article III. of the Constitution, who shall have power to send for persons and examine them on oath, and call for all public or official papers and records, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all contracts made for stationery, printing, and purchases for the public offices and Library, and expenditures therein, and upon all matters of alleged abuse in expenditures to which their attention may be called by resolution of either House of the General Assembly, and concur therein.

We have appointed, on the part of the House, Messrs. Webb, McCreery, Streett, Kirk, Carroll, Touchstone, and Brattan.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

The President laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the State Treasurer.

Which was read.