

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Claims, reported  
House bill entitled an Act to pay Geo. A. Frederick,  
commissions as architect of State House improvements,  
with recommendation that it be referred to the Com-  
mittee on Ways and Means.

Which report was adopted.

Mr. McCusker submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

February 24th, 1886.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, that the Committee on Public Buildings on the

part of the House and Senate, hold a joint meeting for the purpose of inquiring into the expediency of removing the water-closets to the cellar; also, to repair the steps and front door of the Executive mansion.

By order,

E. B. PRETTYMAN,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.

### REPORT:

The Joint Committee on Public Buildings of the House and Senate, respectfully report, that in pursuance of the message adopted by the House and Senate to inquire into the expediency of removing the water-closets to the cellar, and also, to repair steps and door of Executive Mansion, that they recommend the removal of the water-closets to the cellar should be done without unnecessary delay; and that a bill appropriating sufficient money for the same be passed.

And that the Committee be authorized to repair without delay the steps and door of the Executive Mansion.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to have repaired immediately the steps and door of the Executive Mansion.

NICHOLAS BREWER,  
Chairman of Committee on part of Senate.

L. C. McCUSKER,  
Chairman of Committee on part of House.

BILLS—SECOND READING.

House bill entitled an Act to provide for the enlargement of the Maryland State House, and making an appropriation therefor,

Being upon its second reading,

Mr. Laird submitted the following proposed amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Amend section 3 by adding at the end thereof the following: "And provided further, that the said sum of \$50,000 shall cover the entire cost of the plans and specifications for, and construction of said enlargement

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or annex, including plumbing, shelving, painting and thorough equipment for use, except heating apparatus and furniture."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Laird called up

House bill entitled an Act to provide for the enlargement of the Maryland State House and making an appropriation therefor.

Which was read a third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.		
Speaker,	Thomas,	Schultz,
Ireland,	Richards,	Seebo,
Howard,	McVey,	McCusker,
Gantt,	Snowden,	Stonebraker,
Chapman,	Wilson, of P. Geo.,	Stake,
Sasser,	Plowman,	Laird,

Senate bill entitled an Act to provide for the enlargement of the Maryland State House, and making appropriation therefor,

Endorsed: "Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, with proposed amendment."

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Amend by striking out all of "Section 2," and insert the following:

"SECTION 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Committee be and they are hereby authorized and directed to contract with, and employ a good, practical and experienced architect, to prepare, under their direction approval, plans, specifications and drawings for the enlargement provided for in section one of Thomas McVey, with an estimate of the costs of said annex or enlargement; to see that the work and materials used are in accordance with the specifications;

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and said Committee shall, after a plan is adopted, advertise for bids for the building of said annex or enlargement, and shall award the contract for the same to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall execute a bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty as the said Committee may prescribe, for the faithful performance of his contract; said bond to be approved by the said Committee; and the said Committee is directed to proceed with all possible dispatch to perform the duties imposed on them by this Act; provided, that the architect so employed, and the person to whom the contract for said building is awarded, shall be *bona fide* residents of Maryland."

Which was read and adopted.

Said bill, as amended, was then passed by yeas and nays, as follows:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.		
Speaker,	Stoner,	Durding,
Gott,	Chiswell,	Seebo,
Pole,	Plowman,	McCusker,
O'Hara,	McNabb,	Armstrong,
Lindsay,	Wright,	Stonebraker,
Winchester,	Graham,	Stake,
Hearn,	Rooney,	Laird,
James,	Campbell,	Dando,
Smith,	Penn,	Beasman,
Vincent,	Evans,	Buckman,
Thomas,	McFarland,	Johnson,
McVey,	Reilly,	Anderson,
Beall,	Thom,	Hamlin,
Wilson, of P. Geo.,	Gunther,	Willing, of Wicom.
White,	Hayes,	Michaels,
Waters,	Hoffman,	Weimer—50.
Mason,	Reitz,	

## NEGATIVE.

Messrs.		
Busteed,	Crampton,	Holle—5.
Shafer,	Wood,	