

Mr. Tyson asked for and obtained the leave of the house to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act for the relief of Saint John's College.

Whereupon, it was Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Crabb, Stevens, Boon and Stricker, be a committee to prepare and report said bill.

Mr. Banning offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Mrs. Harriet Bennett, widow of the late Thomas P. Bennett, Esq. a member of this house, or to her order, whatever sum may be due him on the journal of accounts.

Which being twice read, by a special order, was unanimously assented to, and sent to the senate for their concurrence therein.

Mr. Barnes, as chairman of the committee on the part of this house, from the joint committee therein mentioned, submitted the following report, to wit.

The joint committee of the senate and house of delegates, appointed to visit the penitentiary of Maryland, for the purpose of making a further investigation of the state and condition, and to examine into the accounts and police of said institution, and also to inquire into the state, condition and management of the Baltimore Hospital, and whether any, and what further legal provisions are necessary to secure its proper regulation, and promote its utility to the public, report—

That as soon as a convenient opportunity presented itself, the committee repaired to the city of Baltimore, and the day after their arrival visited the penitentiary, where in company of some of the directors who politely attended to receive them, they entered upon the investigation, and examined the establishment with attention. The committee in general concur in the views, and confirm the representations which have been made by the committee appointed by the executive during the recess of the general assembly, whose able report, with the accompanying documents, furnish ample information with respect to many details respecting the accounts and police of the institution, which the joint committee both confirm and approve. But as there are some particulars of which the general assembly should be informed, before any legislation on the subject shall take place, it is deemed proper to present a few facts and remarks for their consideration.

The primary objects of the penitentiary are the punishment and the reform of criminals—If these objects can be attained, and the institution made to defray all or nearly all of its expenses, every wish of its founders must be gratified. But it is conceived, that the efforts made to render the capital vested in it productive, should be subordinate to those directed to the reformation of the wretched beings confined within its limits. It appeared to the committee