

slaves, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Rees, Kennedy and Sewell.

Also, a bill entitled an act to provide for the payment of witnesses summoned at the instance of the State of Maryland, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Harrison, Rees and Dennis.

Also, a bill entitled, an act to authorise equitable assignees to sue in their own names, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Nelson, Heath and Harrison.

Also, a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Trustees of Saint Charles College, which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Heath, Smith and Dennis.

Also, a bill entitled an act to abolish the levy court and provide for the election by the people of Commissioners, for Talbot county, and prescribing their powers and duties, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Lloyd, Whiteley and Harrison.

And the following message, which was read,

By the House of Delegates,  
January 30, 1830.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

Considering the public instruction of youth, in primary schools, upon a general and systematic plan, to be a concernment of the highest import to the good people of this State; and considering that more than two thirds of the counties have adopted, by their votes the act of 1825, ch. 162; and considering that the avails of the free school fund, with the revenues arising under the acts of 1817, ch. 16 and 93; and the dividends from capital invested in virtue of resolution No. 36, passed at December Session, 1825, are of greater relative amount, than the appropriations for Common Schools in the state of New-York, where more than five hundred thousand of the rising generation are freely instructed in useful knowledge, without distinction or discrimination; and considering that additional aid for education may be soon expected from the United States, as contemplated by the resolution herein referred to, as well as from the liberal distribution of the proceeds of sales of the public lands; and considering that the earliest practical application of the beneficial influences of literature, to every county and neighbourhood, would well comport with a due extension of the fostering care and parental regard of this general assembly, to the primary interest of their constituents; and considering that a personal view by a deputation of their respective branches, might contribute essentially