

Ordered, That the Chief Clerk direct the Folder of the House to furnish the Governor with 500 copies of his late Message to the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Bishop,

Ordered, That a Special Committee of (3) three be appointed by the Speaker for the purpose of ascertaining from the present owner of the land upon which Fort Frederick in Washington county, now stands, whether and upon what terms, a lot containing not less than (3) three nor more than five acres, including the Fort, can be purchased by the State;

Messrs. Bishop, Haller and Poole, were constituted said committee.

Mr. Magruder offered the following :

Ordered, That the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, be requested to inform the General Assembly, what amount of work has been performed under his directions towards the construction of the Metropolitan Railroad, from the Point of Rocks to the District of Columbia, how far the same has progressed and how long it will require at the present rate of progress to complete said road.

Further, that he be requested to state what in his opinion will be a fair estimate of the proceeds from travel, tonnage and freight expenses, which upon the completion of the road, will be directed from the main stem of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and from the Washington Branch of said road.

Mr. Ford moved to lay the order on the table ;

Which was decided in the negative.

The question recurring upon the order,

Mr. Burche moved to strike out all after the word "Road."

Mr. Ford moved to lay the amendment on the table,

Which was decided in the negative.

The question recurring upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Burche,

It was decided in the negative.

The question then recurring upon the order of Mr. Magruder,

It was adopted.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the Resolutions directing the Comptroller to adjust and settle claims of Maryland soldiers ;

Endorsed, " passed by yeas and nays."

Also, returned the bill entitled, an Act to refund taxes erroneously paid by William Gilmor and Robert Gilmor, Jr.