Mr. Kerr from the Committee on Printing made the following report.

The Committee on Printing to whom was referred the motion to print 1000 copies of the report of the Special Committee on the Maryland Penitentiary, respectfully recommend that the above number of copies be printed.

EDW. LEEDS KERR, J. W. JUMP, W. H. NEILSON, J. HOFFHINE, GEO. A. FEIG, R. W. BURCHE, S. R. GORE.

On motion of Mr. Bixler,

The rules were suspended,

And the House took up for consideration,

The bill entitled, an Act to alter and amend an Act entitled, an Act to add a new Article to the Code of Public General Laws, to be entitled, "Public Instruction," providing a uniform system of Free Public Schools for the State of Maryland, and to repeal all existing laws inconsistent therewith, passed at the January session, 1865;

Said bill being upon its second reading,

Pending which,

Mr. Knott proposed the following amendment:

In line 2, section 2, strike out the words "or are incorporated by the Act of the General Assembly;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Calvert moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Monday next;

Which was decided in the negative.

The bill as amended was then read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Nicolai,

The rules were suspended,

And the bill entitled, an Act to incorporate Mount Moriah Lodge No. 116, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

Which was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waltmeyer,

The rules were suspended,