

My colleagues are not within reach to enable me to confer with them, but I take their leave to say that our report, so far as relates to corporations, will be presented to the General Assembly, at the latest, by Tuesday, January 15, 1868.

Very respectfully,

BERNARD CARTER.

Which was read.

The following message was received and read from the House of Delegates :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 8, 1868.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We propose, with the assent of your Honorable Body, to appoint a joint special committee of four members of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, to take into consideration that portion of the Governor's Message which relates to the wants of the Maryland Penitentiary, and to report whatever legislation is necessary in the premises. We have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Nicolai, Pentland, Holmes and Herbert.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

The following message was received and read from the House of Delegates :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 7, 1868.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We have received your communication proposing the appointment of a joint standing committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, as is required to be appointed by the 24th section of the 3d Article of the Constitution, who shall have power to send for persons and examine them on oath, and call for all public or official papers and records, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all contracts made for stationery, printing and purchases for the public offices and library and expenditures therein, and upon all matters of alleged abuse in expenditures to which their attention may be called by resolution of either House of the General Assembly, and heartily concur therein. We have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Latrobe, Slingluff, Coudy, Devecmon, Johnson and Touchstone.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

The following message was received and read from the House of Delegates :