

Honorable Body to open the returns of the election for Governor of Maryland, this day at 2 o'clock P. M. in the Hall of the House of Delegates, in the presence of both Houses, agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution of the State.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Mullin (the rules being suspended,) submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Means be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the advisability of amending Section 2 of Article 81, of the Code of Public General Laws, so as to abolish the tax on mortgages, and that they report by bill or otherwise ;

Which was adopted.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 7, 1868.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

In order to secure harmony of action and facilitate legislation, we respectfully request, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, that the committees on Education, of the Senate and House of Delegates, shall sit as a joint committee for the purpose of considering and reporting a law to establish an efficient system of Free Public Schools throughout the State.

By order,

H. DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

Also the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 7, 1868.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a joint committee, consisting of three members of the Senate and four members of the House of Delegates, to visit and examine into the condition of all the benevolent and reformatory institutions which are beneficiaries of the State. We have named upon the part of the Senate Messrs. Smith, Denson, Hammond.

By order,

H. DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

Also the following :