

pride upon its towering spires as one of the proudest monuments of our State.

EDWARD J. CHAISTY, M. D.,
THOS. W. HAMMOND, M. D.,
CHAS. H. ROSE, M. D.,

Committee.

Which was read, adopted, and,

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bond, of Baltimore city, submitted the following report:

The Select Committee appointed by this House to examine into the condition of the Land Records of Baltimore City, respectfully report, that they have performed the duty allotted them, and find that the condition of these Records demands immediate attention. Many of these volumes, libers, as well as indexes,—more especially those of the years of 1851, 2, 3, 4 and 5,—are almost illegible, some from the effects of time, and continuous handling, others from the unclerly hand in which they were originally transcribed. Deeming it a matter of the utmost importance that these muniments of title should be preserved, your Committee respectfully recommend to this honorable body, the passage of an Act empowering the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to appropriate a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, to be by them expended in the perpetuation of these important records.

Respectfully submitted,

G. MORRIS BOND,
FERDINAND C. LATROBE,
JAMES W. McELROY,
J. B. WENTZ, JR.

Which was adopted.

John M. Carter, Esq., Secretary of State, delivered the following message from His Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, Feb. 6, 1868.

To the House of Delegates:

GENTLEMEN:—I have this day signed and transmitted to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, the following bills received from your Honorable Body on the 30th day of January, ultimo:

An Act to amend an Act, entitled “an Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Kent county to