ings to introduce a bill to repeal chapter 259 of the Act of 1868, relating to Notaries Public and to add a substitute therefor.

On motion by Mr. Grove,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations to introduce a bill to incorporate the Howard Mutual Life Insurance company of Baltimore.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following bills:

A bill entitled an Act to authorize the Governor to appoint two additional Justices of the Peace for the 2d election district of Frederick county.

Which was read the first time and referred to Senators Biggs, Clarke and Browne.

A bill entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Frederick county to subscribe to the stock of Turnpike Companies.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill entitled an Act to authorize the Register of Wills for Howard county to examine, perfect and index certain Records in his office, and to authorize and provide compensation for services so rendered.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Grove, and by unanimous consent,

Leave was granted to Senators Grove, Wilson and Snyder, to introduce a bill to authorize the Governor of the State to appoint two or more Magistrates for District No. 17, in Washington county.

Mr. Henkle submitted the following message:

By the Senate, January 14th, 1870.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We propose to your Honorable Body, that the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, of each House, be made a Joint Committee for the purpose of considering and reporting such alterations and amendments of the existing Oyster Law as may be deemed expedient, and that said Joint Committee have power to send for persons and papers.

By order,

Augustus Gassaway, Secretary.