

Leave was granted to Senators Malone, Hyland and Timmons to introduce a bill to amend the Act of 1868, chapter 253, relating to the removal of cases of guardianship from the counties of Somerset and Worcester, to the Orphans' Court of Wicomico county, and to facilitate the same.

On motion by Mr. Grove,

Leave was granted to Senators Grove, Spates and Biggs to introduce a bill to more particularly define the powers of the Commissioners of Washington county, and enable them to appoint a Treasurer to take charge of the sinking fund of the county, and to appoint additional collectors of State and county taxes.

The following Senators were granted leaves of absence : Messrs. Clarke, Fields, Stephenson, Wilson and Sellman.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county asking the passage of a law to distribute the Academic Fund among certain academies therein named.

Which was read and referred to Senators Miller, Brown and Jump.

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

Leave was granted to Senators Miller, Browne and Jump to introduce a bill to add a new section to the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil county, under the title of "Schools," for the purpose of apportioning the Academic Fund of said county among the several academies thereof.

Mr. Clarke, from the Joint Committee on Printing, submitted the following report and proposals :

ANNAPOLIS, January 20, 1870.

To the Senate and House of Delegates :

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Printing, are instructed by the Committee to report the accompanying proposition to do the Public Printing for the session of 1870, and to report to the General Assembly that, in the judgment of your Committee, sustained by the opinions of two members of your Committee who are practical printers, that the sum of \$40,000 is a very low estimate for the whole work ; the above amount includes the binding and printing of all matter which may be ordered by the General Assembly, except the binding of the laws in sheep, this particular item is done under the superintendence of the Librarian, by a special appropriation for this purpose.

Your Committee desire to state to the General Assembly, that if it shall be determined to advertise for proposals, it will require ten days before proposals can be received and contracts