

lished, at or near the county seat of each county of this State, lines not exceeding sixty perches in length, corresponding with the true meridians of such places, and to determine at the same time the geographical latitude and longitude of the station occupied by the instrument employed in such operation.

On motion by Mr. Timmons, it was

Ordered, That a Select Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of repealing the law compelling the publication of the General Laws in one newspaper in each county of the State, and two in the City of Baltimore.

The President appointed as said Committee Senators Timmons, Biggs and Hyland.

On motion by Mr. Malone,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to introduce a bill to release the securities of Thomas H. Williams, late Deputy Sheriff of Somerset county.

On motion by Mr. Clarke, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Valdenar, the page of the Senate, have leave of absence from Saturday morning, the 12th, to Tuesday morning, the 15th of February, to enable him to visit his home.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
February 8, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee of Conference upon the bill to change the name of the Mutual Coal Company of Allegany county to that of the Maryland Coal Company, and to confirm the decree of the Circuit Court of Allegany county changing said name.

We have named on the part of this House, as members of said Committee, Messrs. Kean, Merrick and Ehlen.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Also, the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
February 9, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee to request his