

duce a bill to repeal section 4, of the Act of 1867, chapter 186, an Act adding additional sections to Article 81, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Direct Taxes," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Clarke, from Select Committee, to whom the leave was granted, reported a bill entitled an Act to authorize the School Commissioners of the 5th election district of Baltimore, to sell and convey a piece of land for school purposes.

Which was read the first time.

The President announced a communication from his Excellency, Gov. Bowie, by the hands of R. C. Hollyday, Esq., Secretary of State.

Mr. Fields submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be noted on the Journal that the amount paid for the publication of the ninety-four Public General Laws, for the session of 1868, cost the State \$31,030.25, which made the average cost of each law about \$330.

On the question being put,

It was determined in the negative by yeas and nays, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,
Fields,
Henry,
Hyland,

Kimmel,
Stephenson,
Timmons,
Welch—8.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Clarke,
Denson,
Earle,
Grove,
Henkle,

Maddox,
Miller,
Parker,
Sellman,
Snyder—10.

Mr. Clarke submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,
Feb. 18, 1870.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to examine into the condition of the finances of the State, in order to ascertain what provision, if any, must be made by the General Assembly to