

amount of taxes derived from mortgages, in said county, for the year 1869.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Henry presented the petition of the County Commissioners of Dorchester county, praying the passage of a law requiring all county printing to be published in but one newspaper, to be designated by said Commissioners.

Which was read and referred to Senators Henry, Malone, and Fields.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Feb. 18, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We have received your message proposing a Joint Committee of two of the Senate, and three of the House, to examine into the condition of the finances of the State, &c., and concur therein, and have appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Merrick, McLane and Kilbourn.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Also,

A bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Harford county Railroad Company.

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

Also, returned the following Senate bills :

The bill entitled an Act to refund Abraham Grabill, of Frederick county, certain State taxes erroneously paid by him into the Treasury, during the years 1866 and 1867,

Endorsed, "Reported unfavorably from the Committee on Ways and Means, and the report adopted."

Also,

The bill entitled an Act to appropriate a sum of money to pay Wm. Frizzell,

Endorsed, "Reported unfavorably from the Committee on Ways and Means, and the report adopted."

Also,

The bill entitled an Act to authorize the Attorney General to cause the State of Maryland to be, by proper proceedings,