Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Malone, it was

Ordered, That the Attorney General of the State of Maryland, be requested and directed to investigate the circumstances under which the sum of \$58,000 or more, was recently paid by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the State of Virginia, and give his opinion in writing as to whether the said payment was or not an illegal misapplication of the funds of the said Company, and a violation of the rights of this State as mortgagee of the revenues of said Company, and report to the Senate at an early day. The Secretary is hereby directed to send a copy of this order to the Attorney General.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates returned the following Senate bills:

A bill entitled an Act to enable the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to subscribe to the stock of the Valley Railroad Company to the amount of one million dollars.

Endorsed, "By the House of Delegates, March 3, 1870, reported favorably from a Select Committee, read a second time, two-thirds of all the members elected having voted in the affirmative, under provision of section 27, of Article 3, of the Constitution, read a third time and passed by year and nays."

A bill entitled an Act to add a new section to the Code of Public Local Laws for Cecil county, under the title of "Schools" for the purpose apportioning the Academic Fund of said county among the several Academies thereof,

Endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays."

A bill entitled an Act supplemental to, and to a nend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Maryland Agricultural and Mechanical Association, passed March 19, 1867,

Endorsed "Passed by yeas and nays."

Mr. Welch, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act of incorporation of Mechanicstown, Frederick county, passed February 13 1832, chapter 111, and the supplements thereto, and sections 193 to 212, both inclusive, of Article 11, of the Code of Public Local Laws, and to substitute in lieu of said Acts and sections incorporating the village of Mechanicstown in said county, reported it without amendment.

Said bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Welch, from the same Committee to whom was referred