

*To His Excellency, Oden Bowie,
Governor of Maryland:*

DEAR SIR:—The undersigned Commissioners appointed by His Excellency, Governor Swann, to represent the State of Maryland in the American Convention of Cattle Commissioners, held at Springfield, Ill., on the 1st December, 1868, beg leave to report:

That in obedience to the tenor of their letter of instructions, they did attend the Convention, and participate in its deliberations upon the subject of the Texas Cattle disease.

While the Convention was unable to determine with certainty the origin of the disease, or the proper measures for its effective prevention or cure, all concurred as to its deadly effect upon the native cattle when brought into even indirect contact with the contagion, and as to the necessity for prompt action throughout the country for preventing the spread of its ravages.

We enclose a full Report of the Proceedings and Debates of the Convention, which includes a series of propositions adopted unaminously, with a request to the various Legislatures to embody the same into legal enactments best adapted to their respective localities.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. MACKALL,
JNO. M. CARTER,

Jan. 31, 1870.

Commissioners.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 2, 1870.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

I have this day signed and transmitted to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, the following bills,

An Act to repeal and re-enact section 959, of Article 4, of the Code of Public Local Laws, to the City of Baltimore, sub-title "Parks."

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Frederick county, to subscribe to the stock of Turnpike Companies in said county.

An Act to authorize the Register of Wills for Howard county, to examine, perfect, and index certain Records in his office, and to authorize and provide compensation for services rendered.

ODEN BOWIE.

Also, the following communication from the Adjutant General.