

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message :

BY THE SENATE,  
January 11th, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We propose to your Honorable Body the appointment of a Joint Committee of six—three on the part of each House—to visit the new Government House, examine the same and make an estimate of the sum of money necessary to be appropriated to furnish it in a suitable manner, having a proper regard to economy ; that said Committee be authorized to superintend and control the disbursement of the money that may be appropriated ; also, the purchase of the furniture, and that said Committee report their estimate at the earliest day practicable. We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Stephenson, Henkle and Henry.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Sanner, at one o'clock and fifteen minutes, P. M.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1870.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Doctor Slicer.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Latrobe, (Speaker,) Loker, Martin, Beck, Wilmer, Kilbourn, Baldwin, of Anne Arundel, Wells, Owings, Duke, Mitchell, Chapman, Carroll, Cameron, Shipley, Gatch, Choate, Turner, Hammond, Hardcastle, of Talbot, Brattau, Lankford, Harrington, Woolford, Meekins, Touchstone, Owens, Richards, Biddle, Marbury, Wootton, Duvall, Thomas, of Q. Anne's, Brown, Dennis, Purnell, Thomas, of Frederick, Bowlus, McCreery, Ritter, White, Harris, Ady, Baldwin, of Harford, Streett, Hopkins, Hardcastle, of Caroline, Garey, Sanner, Hamilton, Cooper, Morse, Blake, Webb, Wilson, of Balto. City, Wiley, McLane, Colton, Kirk, Collins, Ehlen, Gardner, Markland, Marshall, Hoblitzell, Neill, Welty,