

The Commissioner would, respectfully, submit that a Joint Committee of the Senate and House be appointed to examine the condition of the office, and report what legislation they may deem necessary.

Which is respectfully submitted,

W. R. HAYWARD,

Commissioner of Land Office.

Which was read.

Mr. Martin submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

March 4th, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Houses, to consist of five on the part of the House and three on the part of the Senate, to examine the condition of the Land Office, and report to this General Assembly what legislation they may deem necessary. We have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Martin, Standish, Ritter, Beck and Baldwin, of Harford.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the Board of Beneficence, St. John's Independent Methodist Protestant Church of Baltimore city.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wiley presented the following petitions :

The petition of N. P. Campbell, and 16 others, Presidents of the Baltimore Fire Insurance Companies, praying for the passage of a bill now before the Committee on Inspections, relating to the inspection of Petroleum, &c.

Also,

The petition of Wm. Bridges and 327 others, merchants and citizens of Baltimore, praying for the passage of a bill now before the Committee on Inspections, relating to the inspection of Petroleum, &c.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Inspections.

Mr. Shipley presented the petition of D. M. Matthews, Oliver Smith and 150 others, asking the passage of a law to regulate the running at large of Stock, in Baltimore county.