

A bill entitled an Act directing the Comptroller of the Treasury to cause to be paid to Brice Shipley a sum of money erroneously paid into the Treasury by the said Brice Shipley.

Which was read a first time.

Also, reported favorably, without amendments,

The Joint Resolutions directing the Comptroller to settle and adjust the claims of the State against Wm. G. Burke, late Sheriff of Harford county.

Mr. Colton, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, reported favorably,

The Senate bill entitled an Act supplementary to an Act entitled an Act to make certain improvements in the vicinity of the State Live Stock Scales, passed at January session, 1864, chapter 23, and to an Act amendatory thereof, passed 1866, chapter 120, by appropriating a sum of money to enable the Commissioners therein named to discharge the liabilities incurred thereunder, without amendments.

Mr. Blake, Chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Public Buildings, submitted the following

#### REPORT:

*To the Honorable,*

*The General Assembly of Maryland.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Joint Committee on Public Buildings respectfully submit the following report to their respective Houses: That we have carefully examined the accounts of the various mechanics and others, who ask payment for work which they have done, and for materials which they have furnished for the Governor's Mansion and the improvement and enclosure of the grounds surrounding the same, and have arrived at the following conclusions:

We are fully satisfied, after a careful and thorough examination of the accounts submitted to us, and the vouchers by which they are sustained, and after a thorough and careful examination of the work which has been done, that the bills are correct in every particular, the prices charged are just and reasonable, and that the work, to use the language of the Building Committee, "has been well and faithfully done." We are also fully satisfied that there was no contract made by the Building Committee with any one for the erection of the Governor's Mansion for a specified sum.

In justice to the Building Committee, (as also to Gov. Swann, Chairman of the Committee till January 1869,) it is proper to state that they believed, in the beginning, the cost of the work would not exceed the amount appropriated by