

Ordered. That the Special Committee appointed to visit and inspect the State Tobacco Warehouses, have leave of absence commencing Wednesday, January 31st, during the time necessary to perform the duties of said committee.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Griswold submitted the following order :

Ordered, That L. G. Sparrow be excused from attendance upon the House until Wednesday next.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Spencer submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to ascertain whether any member, of this General Assembly, is, directly or indirectly, interested in the profits of the printing done for the Assembly at its present Session, and if any member be interested, whether it consists with his official oath under Article I., section 6, of the Constitution of Maryland, which says :

“I will not directly, or indirectly, receive the profits or any part of the profits of any other office during the term of my acting as ——.” (Senator or Delegate.)

The committee shall report whether it is sound public policy for any member of either branch of the General Assembly to be interested in any contracts made by the Body of which he is, at the time thereof, a member.

They shall also inquire how the accounts for printing are settled, how audited, and by what committee, and whether any member of this General Assembly, interested in such accounts, is on the Auditing Committee, and, if so, whether as Chairman or member thereof. The Committee may send for persons and papers, and report to this House.

Which was read.

Mr. Steele moved to lay the order on the table,

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Stone submitted the following amendment :

Strike out the words, “the Committee on the Judiciary,” and insert a Select Committee of five.

Which was adopted.

The order, as amended, was then adopted, and Messrs. Spencer, Stone, Henkle, Griswold and Miller, appointed said committee.