

The Secretary of State appeared with a message from His Excellency, Hon. W. Pinkney Whyte, Governor.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered House bill, entitled an Act to enable the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to subscribe to the capital stock of the Maryland Central Railroad Company.

Which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Blake, Denson and Stephenson.

Mr. Earle submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 11th, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee of five, two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to bring the subject of a ship canal across the peninsula of Maryland and Delaware to connect the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays before the Executive of the General Government, or, in their discretion, before the proper Committee of the Congress of the United States; and in view of its national importance to ask a detail from the Topographical Engineer Corps to have the route of said canal surveyed, with a view to ascertain its most advantageous locality, to determine its cost of construction, and report the same at the earliest practicable day to the proper bureau. We propose that the Committee shall communicate our proposed action to the Executive of the State of Delaware (their Legislature not being in session), and request co-operation with us in bringing this subject to the consideration of the proper authorities of the General Government. We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Earle and Compton.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Tuck,

The Senate went into Executive Session.

The Senate resumed Legislative business.

Mr. Tuck submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 11th, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

John W. Davis, Esq., having been elected State Treasurer, we propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body that