By the House of Delegates, January 30, 1872.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message non-concurring in our message of the 9th inst., proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee to visit and examine into the affairs of the Maryland Penitentiary, and proposing the appointment of a Joint Select Committee of five, two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to visit the House of Refuge and Maryland Penitentiary, and to examine into their condition, and also to examine into the condition of the prisoners, and recommend to the Governor meritorious cases for Executive elemency, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Cooper, Riley and Banks.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

Also,

House Resolutions, requesting his Excellency, the Governor, to cause to be presented to the Law Library of the City of Chicago a copy of the Reports of the Court of Appeals, Code of Public General Laws and Public Local Laws, Johnson's Maryland Chancery Reports, Bozman's History of Maryland, and Alexander's British Statutes.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from the President of the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore City:

> Office Board of Police Commissioners, Baltimore, February 1, 1872.

Hon. Henry Snyder, President of the Senate:

SIR—We have the honor of transmitting to you the report of the transactions of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Baltimore, for years 1870-71, which we respectfully request you to lay before the Senate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. H. B. FUSSELBAUGH,
President.

[See Document —.]

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Dennis until Tues-day next.