

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
February 6, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of two upon the part of the Senate, and three of this House, to visit the Spring Grove Asylum for the insane, authorized to scrutinize the contracts and accounts generally of the President and Visitors of the Maryland State Hospital, as requested by the President and Visitors of said Institution, in their report to this General Assembly. The said Committee to report by bill or otherwise.

We have appointed on the part of this House, Messrs. Clarke, of Baltimore city, Markland and Hardcastle.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Mr. Williams submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,  
February 8th, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We have received your message, proposing the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of the two Houses of the General Assembly, to visit the Spring Grove Asylum for the Insane, and also to take into consideration the accounts and contracts of the President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Williams and Carroll.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Mr. Stephenson demanded the yeas and nays upon the adoption of the said message, and it was adopted as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Henry,
Blake,	Longwell,
Compton,	Spates,
Carroll,	Sellman,
Crawford,	Spencer,
Denson,	Wilson,
Davis,	Williams—15.
Fields,	

NEGATIVE—Stephenson—1.