By the Senate, January 25, 1872.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to appoint a Joint Committee, of three from the Senate, and five from the House, to be appointed respectively by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, to visit the Maryland Hospital for the Insane, and report to this General Assembly of Maryland, at as early a day as practicable, whether the Institution is ready to receive patients; if not, when it will be ready, and to report upon all matters which may be of interest to the State.

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

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY, Secretary.

Which was read.

Mr. Clark, of Baltimore City, submitted the following message:

By the House of Delegates, January 26th, 1872.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message, proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee, of three from the Senate, and five from the House, to visit the Maryland Hospital, etc., and to report upon all matters which may be of interest to the State.

An order having been passed, instructing the Committee on Public Buildings to investigate the whole matter, we decline to concur therin.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following bills, severally endorsed "Passed by yeas and nays."

A bill, entitled an Act to exempt from State and City taxation the real and personal property of the Improved Order of Red Men, of Baltimore City.

Which was read a first time, and referred to the Committee, on Ways and Means.

Also,