

for the Custom House, amount to a considerable sum, without adequate accommodation for these officers, and it is deemed a measure of economy that a building be erected for the use of the officers above named ; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senators and Delegates in Congress from this State be and they are hereby requested to bring this subject to the attention of Congress, and use their efforts to procure an appropriation for the erection of a building suitable to the purposes above indicated.

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, copies of this resolution, to be laid before the Senate and House of Representatives.

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Steiner, on the part of the Joint Committee appointed by the Senate and House of Delegates, to visit the Deaf and Dumb Assylum at Frederick, Maryland, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Joint Committee appointed by the Senate and House of Delegates to visit and inspect the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, located at Frederick, Maryland, beg leave to report as follows :

That they visited said Institution on the second instant, and were afforded abundant opportunities of witnessing its operations under the guidance of A. Fuller Crane, Esq., President of the Board of Visitors, and Professor Charles Ely, the Principal. The pupils, eighty-eight in number, gave evidence in all the class-rooms of the great care that had been taken in their instruction by the intelligent, pains-taking members of the Faculty of the Institution. Their progress in knowledge was shown by means of written exercises on the black-board, and by the facility with which they interpreted into sign language, themes given them by their teachers and the Committee. Quite a number have been under instruction in vocalization, and the Committee had the pleasure of hearing deaf mutes speak intelligibly in sounds that their own ears could not appreciate. A general tone of happiness seemed to pervade all the classes, giving evidence of the kind system of government prevalent in an Institution, that is about to bear such abundant fruits for the money and labor spent upon it, by making intelligent and useful citizens of the State out of those who would otherwise be obliged to pass through life in absolute ignorance as burdens upon the community.