

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Stone,

Was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Also, the following :

STATE OF MARYLAND,  
Executive Department, }  
Annapolis, January 9th, 1872. }

*Gentlemen of the General Assembly of Maryland :*

I herewith transmit to you, communications received in the Executive Department during the recess of the Legislature, in reference to the purchase of land in the State of Maryland by the United States, for the purpose of dedicating it as a Cemetery of Soldiers of the United States.

ODEN BOWIE.

Together with accompanying papers.

Which were severally read, and

Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Cooper submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 9, 1872.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee, consisting of three members of the Senate and four members of the House of Delegates, to visit and examine into the condition of the Maryland Penitentiary.

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

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

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

The Speaker announced the following Standing Committees of the House :

*Committee on Elections.*—Messrs. Spencer, Stone, Hardcastle, Bond, Young, of Washington, Hamilton, C. R., Newcomer.

*Committee on Ways and Means.*—Messrs. Stone, Streett, Griswold, Hardcastle, Bowie, Markland, Dougherty, Goldsborough, Porter.

*Committee on Internal Improvements.*—Messrs. Smith, Henkle, Steele, Colton, of Baltimore City, Parker, Banks, Ardinger.