

The Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Clerk to the County Commissioners for Howard county, with bill of H. C. Wootton, Esq., State's Attorney for said county, from May 1872 to May 1873, in response to an order of the House.

Also,

The following

COMMUNICATION.

BALTIMORE, January 26th, 1874.

Hon. JESSE K. HINES,

*Speaker of the House of Delegates:*

SIR:—You are hereby respectfully requested to extend an invitation to the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, to participate in the meeting in behalf of the Centennial Celebration of American Independence, to be held at the Concordia Opera House, in this city, as per enclosed notice.

It is expected that the President of the United States, the Heads of Departments, United States Senators, and Members of House of Representatives, Judges of the Supreme Court, and other distinguished gentlemen will be present.

Addresses will be delivered by leading members of the Centennial Commission from Philadelphia, and also by Senators and Members of Congress.

As Maryland is one of the original thirteen States, she is expected to take a prominent part, and we sincerely trust your Honorable Body will find it convenient to be present.

Very respectfully,

OTIS KEILHOLTZ,

Chairman.

SAML. M. SHOEMAKER,

S. SPRIGG BELT,

JAMES A. GARY,

HENRY JAMES,

J. H. B. LATROBE,

J. HALL PLEASANTS,

GEORGE S. BROWN,

JOHN R. SEEMULLER,

S. TEACKLE WALLIS,

WILLIAM H. CORNER.

Committee on Invitations and Reception.