

Mr Loane, Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the General Assembly of Maryland:

The Committee on Public Buildings, in accordance with an order adopted, authorizing them to secure the services of an Architect to make plans, &c. for an addition and improvement to the building known as the "Comptroller's Office," employed Mr. George A. Frederick, Architect, and the plans made by him have been submitted to this Committee, and examined also by the Comptroller, President of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the Commissioner of the Land Office, and have been approved by them. The Comptroller, the President of the Canal Company, the Commissioner of the Land Office, and the Insurance Commissioner, all of whom have their offices in the present building, earnestly recommend the improvement, as they have not the room for the proper transaction of business, and many valuable papers have to be left exposed, and liable to loss and damage; the deeds in the Canal Office alone, represent over twenty millions of property, and there are many papers, deeds, &c., of great importance to the State, that cannot, with the present limited accommodations, be properly cared for. We would state that the improvements contemplated are for a fire-proof addition to the present building; the total cost of said improvement will not exceed \$12,000, as per Architect's estimate.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. LOANE,

Chairman of Committee on Public Buildings.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Latchford, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act of 1872, chapter 294, the Act of 1820, chapter 216, and section 44, of Public Local Laws, titled "Prince George's County," as enacted by Act of 1868, chapter 330, and re-enact said section 44.

Which was read a first time.

The bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act of 1872, chapter 260, entitled an Act to repeal section 28, (erroneously designated as section 38, of said Act,) of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Prince George's County," sub-title "Bladensburg;" also, to repeal sections 29 and 30 of the Code of