

No. 10. An Act to provide for the payment of the expenses incurred on the part of the State of Maryland in the adjustment of the boundary line between the States of Maryland and Virginia by arbitration, and to appropriate a sum of money therefor.

No. 11. An Act to appropriate a sum of money to pay the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States in and for the State of Maryland, their officers and attendants.

No. 12. An Act to regulate the compensation of the Sheriff of Prince George's County for keeping and boarding prisoners in jail.

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary.

The President presented to the Senate the following communication from the President of the Maryland Institution for the Deaf and Dumb :

FREDERICK, MD., January 30th, 1878.

To the General Assembly of the State of Maryland :

The Board of Visitors of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, respectfully ask from your Honorable Body an appropriation for its yearly support, of \$25,000.

Several reforms have been instituted, which warrant the Board in saying they hope to reduce the expenses to this amount.

By order of the Board,

ENOCH PRATT,
President.

Mr. Stump presented the petitions of James T. Walker and others, and of John Mitchell and others, farmers of Harford County, praying for a State Elevator and Pier, for the accommodation of Maryland grain, fruit and other products.

Which were read, and referred to Senators Stump, Dennis, Hill, Hepbron and Lee.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of E. W. Milligan and others, citizens of Somerset County, for a bill to better regulate the taking and catching of oysters, &c.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

Mr. Combs, of St. Mary's, presented the petition of B. B. Smith and 28 others of St. Mary's County, also the petition