By the House of Delegates, January 15th, 1878.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Select Committee of five, three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate. to visit the Maryland Penitentiary, and to examine into its present condition, the manner in which it is conducted, and to report to the two Houses.

We have appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Burt, Dennis and Johnston.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD, Chief Clerk.

· Which were read.

Also, delivered

House bill entitled an Act to repeal Section 1, of the Acts passed January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to protect fish in the Black Water River, in Dorchester County, and to enact the following in lieu thereof.

Which was read the first time, and referred to Senators Sulivane, Stump and Dennis.

Also, delivered

House bill entitled an Act to empower the Mayor and Common Council of Manchester to subscribe to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Hanover Railroad Company.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, delivered,

House bill entitled an Act supplementary to an Act passed at the January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church of Frederick, passed February 24, 1841, Chapter 125.

Which was read a first time and referred to Senators Steiner, Freeman and Humphreys.

Also, delivered

House bill entitled an Act to repeal Chapter 274 of the Acts of Assembly, passed at January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to add additional Sections to Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Washington County," sub-title