

and House, be authorized to act as a Joint Standing Committee, and concur therein.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read.

Mr. Stewart submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that if Mr. Hart, of Baltimore City, had been present on the 13th of January, he would have voted to refer the memorial of J. Morrison Harris to the Committee on Elections. He was absent on account of sickness.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Griffith submitted the following order :

Ordered, That for the expedition of business, this House shall meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., on each and every day of the session hereafter, except on Mondays, when it shall meet at 12 o'clock M.

Which was rejected.

Mr. Nail submitted the following order:

WHEREAS, It has been publicly charged through the press and otherwise, that for a number of years past certain banks have been in the habit of paying money or giving other valuable considerations for the privilege of being made depositories of the public moneys of the State, and that the money or other valuable considerations so passed by said banks have never been accounted for to the State.

Therefore be it ordered, That a Select Committee of — members of this House be appointed by the Speaker to make inquiry and report whether any bank or banks, having any public moneys of the State on deposit, have within the last six years paid out any money or given any other valuable consideration not accounted for to the State, in return for the benefits accruing from such deposits, and that said committee shall have power to send for persons, books and papers.

Which was read.

The question recurring upon its adoption,

Mr. Whitelock submitted the following amendment:

Ordered, That the Committee thus appointed be, and are hereby, instructed to report to this House a law whereby the State of Maryland shall receive compensation for the use of its funds remaining on deposit in banking institutions of the