

The President presented a memorial from the Maryland State Grange, praying the adoption of some measures upon the part of the General Assembly, to relieve the agricultural interest from the onerous burthen that now oppresses it, by reason of the exemption of taxation of so large a portion of the property of the State.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brewer presented the memorial of Richard I. Bowie, praying that his term of office as Judge of the 6th Judicial Circuit, be extended in pursuance of the 3d Section of the 4th Article of the Constitution.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

On motion by Mr. Brewer, it was

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee on Claims be directed to issue his certificate to Caleb Stewart, for fifteen days services as Janitor in rear of the Rotunda.

On motion by Mr. Knight, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, for Friday, the 21st. that they may visit with the State Fish Commissioners, the hatching houses at Druid Hill Park.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Phelps, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Judicial Proceedings inquire into the propriety and expediency of reporting a bill, so to alter and amend the Constitution of this State as to render ineligible to office within this State, or in the General Government, the Governor, Judges of the District Courts, or Judges of the Court of Appeals, and all members of either branch of the General Assembly, to any office of honor, or profit, during the terms for which any one of them may have been elected, and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Aydelotte submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,  
January 20th, 1876.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of two on the