

Mr. Hepbron from the Joint Committee appointed under Art. 3, Section 24, of the Constitution, submitted the following:

*To the Honorable,*

*The Senate and House of Delegates, of Maryland.*

The undersigned, the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, appointed under and by virtue of Article 3, Sec. 24, of the Constitution, and to whom was referred the following order adopted in the House of Delegates, Jan'y 18th, to wit:

"WHEREAS, Charges have been heretofore made by the Republican Press of the State, that the officials of the State, having in charge the public monies in the State, had abused their trust for purposes of private gain.

"Therefore, ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, appointed under Article 3, Sec. 24, of the Constitution, be and they are hereby, required to examine into the affairs of the Treasury Department, and ascertain whether any officers thereof have, at any time, since 1865, loaned or deposited any of the money of the State for any consideration whatever, and if for any consideration, what such consideration was, and with and by whom made, and whether the same has been paid, and by and to whom.

"And be it further ordered, That said Committee also inquire whether the charges made in the Republican Press during the past campaign, that a public officer of this State attempted heretofore to procure the passage of a law to provide a pension for a man from Somerset county, who was not entitled thereto, is true or false.

"And be it further ordered, That they shall also examine into, and fully and searchingly inquire into the accounts and disbursements of the Treasury Department, and the various departments and officers doing business therewith, and ascertain whether the expenditures and disbursements of said officers and departments have been made in conformity with law."

And the following message adopted in the House of Delegates Jan'y 19th, to wit:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 19th, 1876.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

This House has referred to the Joint Standing Committee under Section 24, Article 3, of the Constitution, the inquiry