

appointment of a joint select committee to consist of three members of each House on the Maryland Hospital, to which shall be referred all matters that may be presented in relation to that Institution with instructions to examine into its condition and exigencies and report by bill or otherwise on the part of this House. We have appointed Messrs. Stirling, Lynch of Baltimore city, and Lynch of Baltimore county, as members of said committee on the part of this House.

By order,

VAUHAN SMITH,

Chief Clerk.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kidd offered the following order:

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to proceed to Baltimore, and make a thorough examination of the entire affairs and condition of the Maryland Penitentiary, and that they have full power to send for persons and papers, and examine witnesses under oath, if necessary, and make a report to this House.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Harrington,

Leave was granted the committee on Education to be hereafter appointed, to introduce a bill for an act for the establishment of a uniform system of public education in the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Harrington,

Leave was granted the committee on Corporations, hereafter to be appointed, to introduce a bill for an act to incorporate the Patapsco Steam Tug Company of Baltimore.

Mr. Kidd offered the following order:

Ordered, That the chief clerk of this House obtain through the delegations of the several counties, and city of Baltimore, a list of the newspapers published in said counties and city, and forward to the editors of the same a copy of the journal of this House;

Which was adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House certain papers relative to the contested election in Washington county;

Which were referred to committee on Elections, hereafter to be appointed.

On motion of Mr. Thruston,

Leave was granted the committee on Claims, hereafter to be appointed, to bring in a bill to provide for the compensation of James M. Schley for certain services performed by him, under the appointment of the Governor, in the court of Appeals.