

On motion Mr. Burgess,

Leave was granted to withdraw from the files of the House bill No. eleven entitled, an act to provide for the increase of the per diem allowance of the judges of the Orphans' court of Charles county.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Leave was granted to the committee on Inspections, to introduce a bill to provide for the Inspection of Guano, and other fertilizers and artificial manures, and the appointment of Inspectors and Weighers thereof.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Leave was granted to the committee on the Judiciary to introduce a bill, to regulate the Justices of the Peace of Baltimore city, in locating their places of business and fixing their compensation, and providing for the payment of the same.

On motion of Mr. Harrington,

Leave was granted the committee on Corporations, to introduce a bill for an act to incorporate the Maryland Mutual Life and Fire company.

On motion of Mr. Magruder,

Leave was granted a select committee to be appointed by the Speaker, to introduce a bill appropriating a sum of money for the building of a fire proof Record office, and for the improvement of the public grounds and buildings at the seat of government.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Magruder, Crowley and Contee, said committee.

Mr. Rogers, presented the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby requested to inform this House forthwith, whether all payments made on account of interest due on State stock since the 30th day of September last have been made in accordance with the act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and if not, why.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Lynch, of Baltimore county, proposed the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

January 18, 1858.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose to your honorable body that a joint committee be appointed to visit and examine into the Maryland State Lunatic Asylum. We have appointed on the part of this