

On motion of Mr. Cropper,

Leave was granted the committee on Education, to bring in a bill, for the appropriation of the poor school fund of Cecil county.

Mr. Calvert submitted the following order,

Ordered, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates, furnish the members with the usual number of newspapers;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Said order was amended by adding at the end thereof the following,

"And that the price thereof, be deducted from the per diem of those who may respectively order them."

The question then recurred and was put, on the adoption of the order as amended, and

Determined in the negative

The Secretary of State delivered the following communication from the Executive, being his annual message;

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Which was read.

Also, delivered the following, communication from the Executive.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

Annapolis, December 27th, 1843.

To the Honorable

The General Assembly:

I have the honor to submit the report of the President and Directors, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and also, the report of the superintendent of the National Road, west of Cumberland.

FRANCIS THOMAS.

Which was read; and

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, laid before the House, the following communication.

The undersigned have the honor to submit for the consideration of the honourable the Senate and the House of Delegates, the accompanying draught of a code for the support of common schools in this State with a report thereon, and also, a copy of a bill for the better education of the youth of the State by means of common schools, prepared by the members of the "Maryland Institute of Education."

After the undersigned in compliance with resolution No. 1. of last session had prepared the draught of a code, they received a communication from a committee appointed by the "Maryland Institute of Education," asking, that a conference might be had in reference to the execution of the resolve of the Legislature. The committee were informed that the code had been prepared, but