

system of Public Instruction, for the consideration of the General Assembly of Maryland. We respectfully propose to your Honorable Body to refer the same to a Joint committee composed of the committees on Education of the House and Senate.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Philpot,

Leave was granted the committee on Finance to report a bill to amend section four of Article eighty-one of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the exemption of Scientific and Literary Institutions from taxation.

Mr. Trail presented the memorial of W. J. Ross and others praying the repeal of the Act relating to the competency of witnesses;

Which was referred to the committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Maund presented the petition of J. J. Cohen and others praying to be assisted in publishing a digest of the decisions of the Court of Appeals;

Which was referred to the committee on Judicial Proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Philpot,

Leave was granted Messrs. Philpot, Turner and Tome, to report a bill entitled, an Act to repeal section sixty-five of Article three of the Code of Public Local Laws for Baltimore county, entitled, "County Commissioners," and to re-enact the same with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Maund,

Leave was granted the committee on Judicial Proceedings to report an Act to add to Article eighteen of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, "Clerks of Courts," an additional section relating to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

On motion of Mr. Carroll,

Leave was granted Messrs. Carroll, Whitney and Clarke, to report a bill to repeal section two of an Act passed at the January session 1862, of the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled, an Act to repeal section thirty of Article ten of the