

Which was read and adopted, and,

On motion of Mr. Warner,

Fifteen hundred copies were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Donaldson, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to amend the 16th article of the Code of Public General Laws, by adding thereto the following sections, relating to the powers of Courts of Chancery in selling land;

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Magruder, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to repeal article 31 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Crows;

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Dougherty, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to repeal the 137th section of the 19th article of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to the Register of Wills for Somerset county, and to substitute therefor the following;

Which was read the first time, and, pending a second reading, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Creswell submitted the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,*

January 10th, 1862.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to apportion the members of the House of Delegates among the several counties of the State, and concur therein.

We have appointed Messrs. Creswell, Price and Harrison, to meet in joint committee the gentlemen designated in your message.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

The Honorable, the Speaker, in accordance with an order passed, "to refer so much of the Message of the Governor as relates to the Maryland Penitentiary" to a select committee, announced Messrs. Reese, White, Carroll, Hardcastle and Duncan, said committee.