

well as the general administration of that institution, is of the greatest importance to the state, we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to clothe the committee already appointed to visit the University of Maryland with the power to visit, and inquire into, and report to the legislature, the condition and general administration of the penitentiary, with power to send for and examine, on oath or otherwise, persons, books and papers, in relation to the condition and management of these institutions.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, the question was put, That the same be referred to the 1st of June? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That the message relative to the penitentiary have a second reading on to-morrow.

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 6th and 8th amendments, to the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, were reconsidered, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates, February 7, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Mr. Merrick has been excused from serving on the joint committee, which it is proposed to send to Baltimore to examine into the condition of the University of Maryland.

We think it desirable to enlarge the committee on the part of this house to three, and have named Messrs. Willson and Barrette to proceed with Mr. Maxcy, and such gentlemen as may be appointed by your honourable body, on that duty.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

By the Senate, Feb. 7, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We accede to your message of yesterday, proposing that a joint committee of both houses be appointed to proceed to Baltimore, and examine into the state and condition of the University of Maryland, to ascertain whether any alterations in the charter are necessary, and if so, whether the regents of the University are willing to assent to the same, and to report the information which may be collected to this general assembly.

We would beg leave, respectfully, to suggest to your honourable body, the expediency of your appointing, in addition to the gentlemen already named in your message, a gentleman of the medical profession.

The necessity of the contemplated mission, in a great measure, grows out of the memorial now before your honourable body, praying for the establishment of a new Medical College in the city of Baltimore. We therefore humbly presume, when the object of the mission is kept in view, and the duties, which will devolve on the committee, are duly estimated, a joint committee, consisting of three gentlemen from your house, and two from the senate, will not be considered too numerous.

By order,

W. Kilty, Clk.

Mr. Potter obtained leave to withdraw the report in favour of Jacob Sheetz.

The resolution relative to the propriety of continuing the direct tax, was read the second time.

The Speaker called Mr. Perry to the chair.

Mr. Kilgour moved to refer the same to the committee of ways and means. Determined in the negative.