

Mr. Kent from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled an act to authorise Benjamin Simpson of Prince George's county, to institute suit against the levy court of said county, reported favorably thereon,

It was read the second and by special order the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Brown from the committee on finance to which was referred the resolution in favor of the chief and reading clerks of the house of delegates and senate respectively, reported favorably thereon,

It was read the second and by special order the third time, assented to and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Brown submitted the following message,

Which was read and adopted:

By the Senate,

March 21, 1837.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message proposing "to appoint a joint committee from the two houses, of five members, (two to be taken from the Senate and three from your honorable body,) to investigate the general affairs of the penitentiary of this State, during the recess of the legislature, with power to send for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses upon oath.—The committee particularly to enquire into the finances and police of the institution, and how far the several mechanical employments there prosecuted, interfere with the mechanics of Baltimore, or other parts of the State: and that the committee report the result of their examination, together with such testimony as they may collect, and such suggestions as may grow out of it, for the improvement of the institution and the interest of the state to the next general assembly," and concur therein.

We have appointed Messrs. Brown and Cottman on the part of the senate, to meet the gentlemen appointed by your honorable body.

By order,

Jos H. Nicholson, clk.

Mr. Wright from the committee on insolvency to which was referred the bill entitled an additional supplement to an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, reported favorably thereon,