

It has been supposed by your committee that the public business might be despatched by making partial reports, as the future action of the committee might be controlled by the decision of the House on the bill now submitted.

All which is respectfully submitted,

William Ford, chairman.

By order,

Ben. Seegar, clk.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ford, chairman of the committee on the constitution, reported a bill, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table:

Mr. Parran, reported a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Walter S. King, former collector of Calvert county,

Which was read the first, and by special order, the second time, and passed.

Mr. Mann, reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise the conveyance of a certain lot of ground near Clearspring in Washington county,

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Ely, reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Mineral company of Baltimore county,

Which was read and referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Primrose, reported a bill, entitled, an act to regulate the appointment, and enlarge the powers of the levy court, and to abolish the office of commissioners of the tax in Kent county:

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Eccleston, submitted the following message:

By the House of Delegates,
January 19th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the concurrence of your honourable body to appoint a joint committee of five, three of whom to be taken from the house of delegates, and two from the Senate, whose duty it shall be, on oath, to make a searching of and thorough investigation into the concerns and management of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail road Company, from the earliest pe-