

sion of Assembly, and remains as yet without any donation from the State: and report by bill or otherwise;

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Laveille, Parran and Billingsley to compose the committee

Mr. Simmons submitted the following order—

Ordered, That the committee on crimes and punishments enquire into the expediency of passing a law for the sale of negroes in all cases of convictions for offences which are now punished by confinement in the penitentiary.

Which was read,—And,

On motion of Mr. Simmons,

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan submitted the following preamble and order—

Whereas, the State has suffered very heavy pecuniary loss, and the property of many of her citizens has been greatly jeopardized by the negligence and want of official duty of many of the former Registers of the Chancery Office of this State; and whereas, it is made incumbent on the Chancellor and the several Chief Judges of the different county courts to examine and ascertain whether the public records are faithfully kept—therefore,

Ordered, That the Chancellor and the several Chief Judges of the different judicial districts, and the Chief Justices of the several Orphan's Courts of this State, report to this House whether they have examined into the manner in which the public records are kept in the office of the Register in Chancery, and in the different clerks' and registers' offices of this State, and whether all papers placed in said offices for record, have been so recorded according to the acts of Assembly.

Ordered further, That the clerk of this House furnish a written copy of the above preamble and order to the Chancellor and to the different Chief Judges of this State, and the Chief Justices of the orphan's courts of this State.

Which was twice read,—And,

On motion of Mr. Handy,

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Iglehart, chairman of the committee on claims, delivered the following report—

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the memorial of B. S. Pigman, esq., praying compensation for services therein mentioned, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolution—

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby