

Which was read,—And,

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Harris, reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise William B. Scott, of St. Mary's county, to bring into this State certain negroes therein named.

Which was read,—And,

On motion of Mr. Tuck, referred to the committee on the colored population.

Mr. Carpenter, reported a bill, entitled, an act for the re-valuation of the real and personal property in Charles county,—And,

Mr. Rentsch, reported a bill, entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act to provide for electing Commissioners for Washington county, and prescribing their powers and duties,

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

Mr. Dawson submitted the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate:

By the House of Delegates,
January 4th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, the appointment of a joint committee of three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Delegates, to enquire into the practicability, probable cost and expediency of warming the Senate chamber, the hall of the House of Delegates, and the offices attached to them, respectively, the Council chamber, and all other apartments of the State house occupied and used for public purposes, or any one or more of them, by means of heated air, introduced by flues, or by any other mode which shall promote the comfort of the members of the Legislature and the other members and officers of the Government, and shall be calculated to lessen the annual cost of fuel to the State—and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise. We have appointed Messrs Dawson, Iglehart and Hicks the committee on the part of this house.

By order,

George G. Brewer, clk.

Mr. Maulsby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act declaratory of the law concerning contempts of the court in this State;