

That after a careful examination of the State House, they find that, for its preservation, and for the accommodation and greater convenience of the legislature, and public officers stationed at the seat of government, some alterations and considerable repairs are required.

The plan for warming the House of Delegates, with heated air, as recommended by a joint committee raised for that purpose, is approved of by this committee, and its adoption by the house recommended.

The next House of Delegates will be composed of six additional delegates, for whom accommodations must be provided, as there will not be more room on the floor of the house, than will barely accommodate its members; your committee recommend that visitors be excluded from the floor, that the lobby be appropriated exclusively for ladies, and gentlemen accompanying them, and others specially invited by members, the gallery for the use of the public in general.

Your committee recommend that the State House be thoroughly repaired and painted, a place separate from the State House, provided for the safe keeping of the wood and other fuel,—the pavement and grounds within the circle, to be finished as originally contemplated; the repairs of the Government House to be completed—and above all, your committee would urge upon the house, the almost absolute necessity of erecting a fire proof building, on the outer edge of the public circle, for the safe keeping of the public records.

The destruction by fire of public records in many parts of the country, particularly at the seat of the National Government, should be a warning to the house to guard as far as possible against so dreadful a calamity befalling the people of this State; your committee has procured from an eminent Architect, a plan for a fire proof building, which they earnestly recommend to this house.

Your committee submit herewith resolutions, making appropriations for all they recommend to be done at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Cephas Simmons, Chairman.

1st. Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the sum of twelve thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the erecting and furnishing a Fire proof building, to be located at some suitable part or within the public circle, and of sufficient dimensions to con-