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A bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the transcribing of one of the Record Books in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard county;"

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The Speaker laid before the House the following message from the Executive:

STATE OF MARYLAND,
EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Annapolis, Jan. 1864.

To the Hon. Speaker

Member of the House of Delegates:

SIR:—I herewith transmit Reports from the Directors of Maryland Penitentiary; Trustees of the Sheppard Asylum, and Trustees of the Maryland Inebriate Asylum, for the year 1863.

A. W. BRADFORD.

Which was read, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House the following report:

ANNAPOLIS, Oct. 20, 1863.

To the Honorable

The General Assembly of Maryland:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with duty, we have examined the condition of the State Library, and find many of the books on the second and third tiers injured by the very great dampness of the walls.

We recommend that the interior walls be lined with boards, well painted on each side, and that the alcove and closets not yet fitted up, be finished.

We respectfully recommend an appropriation of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to protect the books and finish the alcove and closets, and that the work be done under the supervision of the State Librarian.

Respectfully, yours,

HENRY S. GOLDSBOROUGH,
President of the Senate.

JOHN S. BERRY,
Speaker of H. Delegates.