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Mr. Alexander, chairman of the com. on ways and means, to which was referred the Annual Report of the Trustees of the University of Maryland, asked leave that said committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On the question being put on discharging the committee from the further consideration thereof,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bowie submitted the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates,
March 23, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We herewith send you a bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act relating to free negroes and slaves, and respectfully ask you to reconsider and pass the same.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, clerk.

Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, made an unfavorable report upon the memorial of the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, asking for an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned,

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Mr. Ent, chairman of the select committee, delivered the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying a law authorising the levy court to levy a sufficient sum of money upon the taxable property of said county, for the purpose of building a new court house, or making such necessary repairs to the old one as the commissioners might determine most advisable, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT,

That the high standing and respectability of the petitioners recommend their prayer to the most careful regard of the committee; yet the committee who are the representatives of the people of the whole county, cannot feel free to assume the responsibility to advise the passage of a law which must necessarily impose a tax upon their constituents, unless such a measure be sanctioned by a general expression of their will. With this view they would respectfully refer the subject of building a new court house to the people of the county, whose wishes may be clearly ascertained by the meeting of the next General Assembly.

GEORGE W. ENT, Chairman.

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On motion of Mr. Geyer,

Ordered, that the report just read upon the memorial to build a court house in Frederick county, be entered on the journal.