

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message:

By the House of Delegates,
January 10, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to appoint a deputation from the Legislature of Maryland to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be immediately to proceed to Harrisburg, and confer with the Legislature now in session at that place, and request the dismissal of the indictments now pending in York county court against Nathan S. Bemis, Jacob Forwood, Edward Prigg and Stephen Lewis, citizens of Maryland, for the alleged crime of kidnapping; and such modification of the laws of that state relating to negroes, as will effectually recognize the right of the master to arrest, and bring away his absconding slave, and we have appointed Messrs. Maulsby and Alexander, to join such gentleman as may be named by your honorable body, to constitute such deputation.

By order,
G. G. Brewer, clk.

The following message was communicated from His Excellency Governor Veazey, by the hands of Thomas Culbreth, Esquire, Clerk of the Council.

It was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Executive Department,
Annapolis, January 11th, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and of the House of Delegates:

I herewith lay before you the annual report of the Directors of the Penitentiary required by law.

With the highest respect,
Your Obt. Serv't.
Tho. W. Veazey.

Mr. Ricaud submitted the following message; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

By the Senate,
January 11, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a deputation from the Legislature of Maryland, to proceed to Harrisburg and confer with the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and request the dismissal of the indictments now pending in York county court, against certain citizens of Maryland for the alleged crime of kidnapping; and such modification of the laws of that state relating to negroes as will effectually recognize the right of the master to arrest