

Mr Bowie from the committee, made an unfavorable report upon the bill to authorise the orphans courts of this state to order the sale of real estate, in certain cases; the bill was then read a second time by special order, and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message, which was read.

By the House of Delegates, February 7th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Mr Merrick has been excused from serving on the joint committee, which it is proposed to send to Baltimore, to examine into the condition of the University of Maryland. We think it desirable to enlarge the committee on the part of this house, to three; and have named Messrs. Willson and Barrette, to proceed with Mr. Maxcy and such gentlemen as may be appointed by your honorable body, on that duty.

By order,

John Brewer, Clerk.

Also a resolution in favor of P. B. Hopper; which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs Thomas, Tilghman and Johnson.

Also a bill entitled, an additional supplement to the act entitled, an act to regulate the inspection of lumber; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Claude from the committee, made a favorable report upon the resolution relative to the states' claim against the United States; which was read the second time by special order, and laid on the table.

Mr. Tilghman offered the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

By the Senate, February 7th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received your message, stating the enlargement of your committee, to proceed to Baltimore, to examine into the condition of the University of Maryland, and concur therewith. We have appointed Messrs. Tilghman and Bowie to join the gentlemen named by your honorable body on that duty.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clerk.

Mr. Bowie offered the following message; which was read and rejected.

By the Senate, February 7th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We propose, with the concurrence of your house, that a joint committee of the two houses, be appointed to visit the Penitentiary, examine into the state and condition of that institution, and report to the legislature the result of such examination.