

sisting of three members of the Senate and four members of the House of Delegates, to visit and examine into the condition of the Maryland Penitentiary. We have appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Blake, Baldwin, of Harford, Lankford and Shipley.

By order,  
MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The House, at one o'clock, P. M., took a recess for twenty minutes.

At one o'clock and twenty minutes, P. M., the House resumed the consideration of the business of the session.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following Message :

BY THE SENATE,  
January 6, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We have received your message, informing us of the organization of your Honorable Body. The Senate has organized by the election of Hon. Barnes Compton, President, and the appointment of Augustus Gassaway as Secretary. We are now ready to proceed with the business of the session, and concur with your Honorable Body in the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the General Assembly is prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Earle and Henkle.

By order,  
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read.

Also, the following :

BY THE SENATE,  
January 6, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of the Joint Standing Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, as is required to be appointed by the twenty-fourth Section of the third Article of the Constitution, who shall have power to send for persons, and examine them on oath, and call for all public or official papers and records, and whose