

duty it shall be to examine and report upon all contracts made for printing, stationery, and purchases for the public offices and the Library, and all expenditures therein, and upon all matters of alleged abuse in expenditures to which their attention may be called by resolution of either House of the General Assembly.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Snyder, Clarke, Fields, Earle, and Henry.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read.

The Speaker laid before the House the Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Treasury; which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Biddle,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Biddle, Hammond, Cameron, Seibert, Gorman, Owens, of Calvert, and Webb, to report a bill to repeal Art. 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Guano," and chap. 295 Laws of 1868, and to re-enact the same, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Standish,

Leave was granted to the Allegany delegation to introduce a bill for the better protection of bass in the north branch of the Potomac river.

Also, leave to the Allegany delegation to introduce a bill, with reference, to the national road west of Cumberland.

On motion of Mr. Meekins,

Leave was granted to the Dorchester delegation to introduce a bill to change the number of Justices of the Peace for Fork District, No. 1, for Dorchester county.

On motion of Mr. Gordy,

Leave was granted to the Wicomico delegation and Mr. Purnell, of Worcester, to report a bill authorizing the Commissioners of Wicomico county to appoint trustees of the Alms-house in said county.

On motion of Mr. Loker,

Leave was granted to the St. Mary's delegation and Mr. Mitchell, of Charles, to introduce a bill to increase the number of Magistrates in St. Mary's county.

On motion of Mr. Marbury,

Leave was granted to the Prince George's delegation to