

Ordered, That a Committee on Immigration, to consist of seven members, be added to Rule 15 of the Rules and Orders, as one of the Standing Committees of this House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marbury submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal, that the member from Prince George's county, Mr. Charles S. Duvall, was detained from his seat by sickness.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Webb submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
January 11, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, as is required by the 24th section of Article III. 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 duty it shall be to examine and report upon all contracts made for stationery, printing and purchases for the public offices and Library and 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, and concur therein. We have appointed on the part of this House, Messrs. Webb, McCreery, Streett, Kirk, Carroll, Touchstone and Brattan.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

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

Mr. Carroll submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
January 11, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee, to consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, to visit and examine the various charitable and benevolent institutions which are beneficiaries of the State, and report upon the condition and needs of the same to this General Assembly. We have named on the