

Also, the bill to provide for appointment of a visitor of the Alms House in Baltimore city ;

Also, the bill to empower Levi Price and others to sell a certain school house ;

Reported them without amendment, and

They were read the second time.

Mr. Firey, from the select committee, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Joint Committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to inquire into the propriety of purchasing on the part of the State, a portion of the battle field at Antietam, for a State and National Cemetery, and also, to enquire into the expediency of erecting a suitable monument upon the battle field of South Mountain to the memory of General Reno and his companions in arms, who fell upon that spot, beg leave respectfully to report :

That, in order to carry out more satisfactorily the design of the joint resolutions adopted by the Senate and House of Delegates in January last, they visited in person the battle grounds at Antietam and South Mountain, and after a careful survey of the respective fields, they succeeded in selecting the most eligible and beautiful sites, both for the National Cemetery and the monument, and also obtained positive offers of sale, from the owners of lands at both locations, upon very favorable terms.

The committee would further report, that they were accompanied by the agent of New York, who is instructed by Governor Seymour to become an equal and joint partner with Maryland in purchasing the lands for a National Cemetery at Antietam and a monument at South Mountain, and in bearing one-half the expense of superintending and carrying forward both enterprises to completion.

It is due also to the importance of the subject to state whilst many of the dead are decently interred in the hospital graveyards, and their names properly recorded, many of the slain lie buried upon the field on the spot where they fell unnoticed and unknown, and owing to the hasty and imperfect manner in which they were interred, their bones in some instances have been uprooted by swine, or overturned by the plow share, and left to bleach upon the field consecrated by the prowess of their arms and the valor of their hearts.

Shall Maryland bear this reproach any longer ? Your committee, therefore, in view of the generous offer of the