

## REPORT.

*To the Honorable, the Speaker and  
Members of the House of Delegates:*

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, a majority of the Joint Committee of Conference, to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act to repeal section 18 of Article 73 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Penitentiary, and to re-enact the same with amendments, most respectfully report that they have been unable to agree with their colleagues on the part of the Senate. We regret exceedingly that the representatives on the part of the Senate should refuse to recede from their proposed amendments, as we believe that the effect of their amendment is virtually to break down and defeat the objects proposed by the bill, the purpose of which was to destroy the conflict between the convict labor of the State and the laboring and mechanical portion of our citizens. The undersigned, a majority of your Committee, submit as their opinion that the mere question as to an immaterial difference in the receipts of the Institution should not weigh against the honest efforts of our working people.

The majority of your Committee think that the question of a few thousands of dollars should not only be taken into consideration, in considering a proposition of this character, but that as legislators we should care for the interest of our people generally.

We respectfully report back the bill and amendments, with this explanation of the condition in which it is placed, for your action.

C. H. NICOLAI, *Ch'n.*  
JOHN S. BIDDISON,  
THOS. W. MORSE.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the following House bills, severally endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays."

The bill entitled an Act to appropriate a sum of money to the Baltimore County Manual Labor School.

The bill entitled an Act to repeal section 623 of Article 4 of Public Local Laws, entitled City of Baltimore, sub-title Justices of the Peace and Constables, and to re-enact the same and substitute the following in lieu thereof.

The bill entitled an Act to add an additional section to Article 57 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland concerning limitation of actions.

The bill entitled an Act to authorize the Adjutant General to purchase arms for the use of Charlotte Hall School.

The bill entitled an Act to authorize the County Commis-