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ANNAPOLIS, Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, 1878.

STATE OF MARYLAND, to wit:

This being the day prescribed by the Constitution, Section 14, Article 3, for the meeting of the General Assembly of Maryland, at 12 o'clock, noon:

Milton Y. Kidd, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates, for January Session, 1876, called the House to order.

Upon the call of the roll by William H. Cole, Reading Clerk of the last House, the following members elect responded to their names:

*St. Mary's County*—Joseph H. Key, Asa A. Lawrence.

*Kent County*—George W. Spencer, G. H. Thompson.

*Anne Arundel County*—Wm. Snowden, Samuel G. Acton, Geo. W. Nutwell.

*Calvert County*—T. B. Jones.

*Charles County*—Samuel Cox, jr., Wm. D. C. Mitchell.

*Baltimore County*—Wilson Townsend, J. Wolff Burton, Malcolm H. Johnston, George H. Williams, Andrew Banks.

*Talbot County*—E. L. F. Harcastle, Philip Francis Thomas.

*Somerset County*—Wm. H. Roach, Geo. Thomas Rowe, Ephraim G. Polk.

*Dorchester County*—Samuel M. Travers, Isaac H. Hoiston, Joseph H. Johnson.

*Cecil County*—James Turner, James M. Touchstone, Wm. M. Knight.

*Prince George's County*—George C. Merrick, Francis M. Hall, J. Alfred Osborn.

*Queen Anne's County*—Richard B. Carmichael, jr.

*Worcester County*—William Sydney Wilson, Samuel K. Dennis.

*Frederick County*—Christopher M. Riggs, Peter Lugenbeel, Lot Hartsock, William H. Hinks, William J. Lieb.

*Harford County*—Silas Scarboro, Wm. G. Scott, Murray Vandiver.

*Caroline County*—James Massey, Charles H. Todd.

*Baltimore City*—Thomas McCosker, August Berkemier, Alfred P. Burt, Robert W. Hays, Fetter S. Hoblitzell, Thomas P. Kernan, Eugene Higgins, Isador Rayner, J. Thomas Scharf, W. Campbell Hamilton, John G. Mitchell, John S. Campbell, Bernard L. Harig, John L. Matthews, Henry Sander, Asa H. Smith.

*Washington County*—Joseph H. Farrow, Nathaniel Fiery, Joseph Harrison, Wm. H. Perkins.

*Montgomery County*—William M. Canby, Howard Griffith, Montgomery Blair.

*Allegheny County*—J. B. Oder, Patrick Carroll, J. McMahon McKaig, William Brace.

*Carroll County*—Frank Brown, T. Herbert Shriver, Robert Sellman, Frank T. Newbelle.

*Howard County*—John S. Tracey, H. H. Tyson.

*Wicomico County*—Thomas J. Turpin, Samuel H. Fooks.

*Garrett County*—Geo. W. Wilson, George W. Blocher.

Seventy-nine members having answered to their names, the clerk announced that a majority of all the members elected to the House were present, which, under the provisions of the Constitution, Section 20, Article 3, constituted a quorum for the transaction of business.

On motion of Mr. Higgins,

Hon. Murray Vandiver was called to the chair, for the purpose of a temporary organization.

Mr. Higgins and Mr. Roach conducted the Speaker *pro tem.* to the chair, who, thereupon, delivered an appropriate address.

Mr. Scharf moved that the House do now adjourn.

Pending which,

Mr. Hinks demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand being sustained,

The yeas and nays were called and appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.		
Key,	Hall,	Campbell,
Spencer,	Wilson, of Wor.,	Harig,
Thompson,	Dennis,	Matthews,
Snowden,	Scarboro,	Smith,
Acton,	Scott,	Fiery,
Nutwell,	Vandiver,	Harrison,
Jones,	Massey,	Canby,
Cox,	Todd,	Griffith,
Mitchell, of Chas.,	Berkemier,	Blair,
Johnston,	Burt,	Oder,
Banks,	Hays,	Carroll,
Hardcastle,	Hoblitzell,	McKaig,
Thomas,	Kernan,	Brown,
Travers,	Higgins,	Shriver,
Houston,	Rayner,	Sellman,
Johnson,	Scharf,	Newbelle,
Turner,	Hamilton,	Tracey,
Touchstone,	Mitchell, of B. city,	Tyson—55.
Knight,		

NEGATIVE.

Messrs.		
Lawrence,	Osborn,	Sander,
Townsend,	Carmichael,	Farrow,
Burton,	Riggs,	Perkins,
Williams,	Lugenbeel,	Brace,
Roach,	Hartsock,	Turpin,
Rowe,	Hinks,	Fooks,
Polk,	Lieb,	Wilson, of Gar.,
Merrick,	McCosker,	Blocher—24.

So the motion prevailed,

And the House at 12.15 o'clock, adjourned until tomorrow at 12 o'clock noon.

THURSDAY, January 3rd, 1878.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. H. M. Lemon.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Key, Lawrence, Spencer, Thompson, Snowden, Acton, Nutwell, Jones, Cox, Mitchell, of Chas., Townsend, Burton, Johnson, Yellott, Williams, Banks, Hardcastle, Thomas, Roach, Rowe, Polk, Travers, Houston, Johnson, Turner, Touchstone, Knight, Merrick, Hall, Osborn, Carmichael, Weedon, Wilson, of Wor., Dennis, Riggs, Lugenbeel, Hartsock, Hinks, Leib, Scarboro, Scott, Vandiver, Massey, Todd, McCosker, Berkemier, Burt, Hays, Hoblitzell, Higgins, Rayner, Scharf, Hamilton, Mitchell, of B. city, Campbell, Harig, Matthews, Sander, Farrow, Fiery, Harrison, Perkins, Canby, Griffith, Blair, Oder, Carroll, McKaig, Brace, Brown, Shriver, Sellman, Newbell, Tracy, Tyson, Turpin, Fooks, Wilson, of Gar., Blochor.—79.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Brown moved that the House do now proceed to the nomination of Speaker,

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. McKaig, nominated Hon. Fetter S. Hoblitzell, of the Second Legislative District of Baltimore city.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. Mitchell, of Baltimore city.

Mr. Perkins nominated the Hon. Wm. H. Hinks, of Frederick.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. Lawrence of St. Mary's.

On motion by Mr. Knight,

The nominations for Speaker were closed.

The Chair appointed Mr. Brown and Mr. Brace, to act as tellers.

The election for Speaker was then proceeded with.

Upon counting the ballot it appeared that Hon. Fetter S. Hoblitzell had received 62 votes, Hon. William H. Hinks had received 15 votes, two blank ballots being cast.

The Speaker pro-tem declared that Hon. Fetter S. Hoblitzell, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Touchstone and Mr. Hinks, a committee to conduct the Speaker elect to the Chair, whereupon the oath of office was duly administered, by the Hon. Philip Francis Thomas, to the Speaker elect.

The Speaker then delivered the following address :

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

The honor of presiding over the deliberations of a body comprising so many distinguished representative men, might well gratify the proudest ambition, and I accept the flattering compliment, with a deeply grateful heart.

Cognizant of the important power delegated to me by this act of your confidence and conscious of the vexatious difficulties which beset one so invested, I declare to you it will be my constant aim and effort, to discharge the delicate duties imposed upon me by my position as presiding officer, with fidelity and impartiality so that each representative shall be protected in the enjoyment of all his rights and privileges, and the honor and dignity of the Assembly upheld and maintained.

At the threshold of our honorable service, we are admonished by the vacant seats in our midst, that two among the ablest and most experienced members chosen to represent the great metropolis of the State, are not here to answer the call of the roll, and enter with us upon the discharge of their sacred trust. With them life's fitful fever is over. In obedience to the grim messenger, they have passed from earth with their blushing honors thick upon them; but enshrined in our hearts, it is due that we pause in our deliberations, and offer the tribute of tearful regret at the loss of our departed friends and colleagues. Few men have acquired more numerous and devoted personal attachments; few have ever descended to the tomb more deeply lamented, and to me, as their personal friend, it is a source of pleasure and of pride, to record the fair truth in justice to their memory. It will be for you, gentlemen, at your pleasure, to take such suitable action as will reflect the sense of the House of Delegates upon the sad event which has deprived us of their wise experience and most intelligent counsel.

Since the adjournment of the last General Assembly within our borders, in common with some of our sister commonwealths, we have, for a brief period, witnessed the humiliating

to the Vestry of Prince George's Parish, in said county, and authorize and empower said Vestry to take and receive the same, and hold it subject to the provisions of said will.

Which was read a first time.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of Friday last,

Being the report of the Select Committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Vandiver,

The report was adopted.

The bill entitled an Act to declare the sanction of the General Assembly of Maryland, to the bequest of David Johnson, late of the City of Baltimore, deceased, to the Second Universalist Society of the City of Baltimore,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled an Act providing for the relocation and straightening of Water street, and extension of Green street, in the City of Cumberland, and for the grading, re-curbing and repairing thereof,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled an Act to explain certain corporate powers and privileges heretofore conferred, and also to confer additional corporate powers and privileges upon the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Maryland, by authorizing it to receive by gift, devise or otherwise, contributions in money, land or other property, and to hold the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

Which was read a second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Rayner,

Was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, the Code of Public General Laws, Section 14, Article 10, relating to Attachments.

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled an Act to repeal Section 6, of Chapter 341, of the Acts of 1872, relating to Hawks and Owls in Carroll County,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The hour of 12 o'clock, noon, having arrived, the House, in accordance with the Act of Congress, 1866, Chapter 245, entitled an Act to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress, proceeded to hold an election for a Senator to succeed the Hon. George R. Dennis in the Congress of the United States.

The roll being called,

It appeared by a *viva voce* vote of each Member present, that

Hon. Philip Francis Thomas had received.....	13	votes.
“ George R. Dennis “ .....	19	“
“ Lewis H. Steiner “ .....	12	“
“ Joseph A. Wickes “ .....	2	“
“ James B. Groome “ .....	10	“
“ E. K. Wilson “ .....	1	“
“ J. M. Robinson “ .....	3	“
“ Samuel Hambleton “ .....	2	“
“ James A. Stewart “ .....	1	“
“ Frederick Stump “ .....	2	“
“ Robert M. McLane “ .....	2	“
“ Montgomery Blair “ .....	5	“
“ E. B. Prettyman “ .....	1	“

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Whereupon the Chairman declared that no person had received a majority of all the votes cast for United States Senator by the House of Delegates.

The bill entitled an Act supplementary to an Act passed at the January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church of Frederick, passed February 24th, 1841, Chapter 125,

Was read a third time, and passed by yeas and nays, as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.

Hoblitzell, Sp'kr, Knight,	Harig,
Key, Merrick,	Matthews,
Lawrence, Osborn,	Sander,
Spencer, Carmichael,	Smith,

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ANNAPOLIS, January 2nd, 1878.

STATE OF MARYLAND, to wit:

In compliance with the requirement of the Constitution, the Senators, and Senators elect, assembled in the Senate Chamber this day.

At 12 o'clock, M., Augustus Gassaway, Secretary of the Senate, proceeded to call the roll, when the following Senators answered to their names:

*Anne Arundel County*—Michael Bannon.

*Baltimore County*—Edward D. Freeman.

*Baltimore City*—1st Legislative Dist.—John H. Cooper.

“ “ 3rd Legislative Dist.—E. T. Joyce.

*Carroll County*—James Fenner Lee.

*Frederick County*—Lewis H. Steiner.

*Howard County*—Arthur P. Gorman.

*Kent County*—William T. Hepbron.

*Queen Anne's County*—Budd S. Ford.

*Somerset County*—James U. Dennis.

*Washington County*—David H. Newcomer.

*Wicomico County*—Thomas Humphreys.

The following Senators elect also answered to their names:

*Allegany County*—John S. Combs.

*Baltimore City*—2nd Legislative Dist.—Robert M. McLane.

*Caroline County*—Thomas F. Garey.

*Cecil County*—John M. Miller.

*Calvert County*—Joseph A. Wilson.

*Charles County*—F. M. Lancaster.  
*Dorchester County*—Clement Snlivane.  
*Garrett County*—Bathaser Welfley.  
*Harford County*—Herman Stump, jr.  
*Montgomery County*—George Peter.  
*Prince George's County*—William B. Hill.  
*St. Mary's County*—Robert C. Combs.  
*Talbot County*—Edward Lloyd.  
*Worcester County*—Littleton P. Franklin.

On motion by Mr. Dennis,

The Senate proceeded to a temporary organization.

On motion by Mr. Dennis,

The Hon. J. Fenner Lee was called to the Chair, and having assumed the same, addressed the Senators present.

On motion by Mr. Freeman,

The Senators elect then qualified by taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution.

On motion by Mr. Joyce,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 3rd, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. Bannon, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Gorman, Humphreys, Hill, Hepbron, Joyce, Lee, Lancaster, Lloyd, McLane, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Steiner, Sulivane, Stump, Welfley, Wilson—26.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Senate proceeded to the election of President.

Mr. McLane nominated Hon. Edward Lloyd of Talbot county.

The ballots having been taken and counted by Messrs. Dennis and Steiner, tellers, it appeared that there were 25 votes cast, of which the Hon. Edward Lloyd, received 21, and there were four blank votes.

Whereupon it was declared that the Hon. Edward Lloyd was duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr. Lloyd, was then conducted to the Chair, by Messrs. McLane and Bannon, and delivered the following address :

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

I thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me in selecting me as your presiding officer. Let me assure you, *one and all*, that I appreciate your kindness. The compliment of being elevated to a chair that has been filled by my *ancestors*, is one for which I return you my best acknowledgments. But I would be unworthy of your confidence not to say that it is with diffidence and distrust that I enter upon the discharge of the grave and responsible duties of President of the Senate of Maryland.

It is a high and important office, the duties of which it will be my effort to discharge faithfully.

I shall at all times endeavor to extend to each and every Senator that courtesy which is due from the presiding officer of this Body.

If, in the decision of questions submitted to the chair, I shall oftentimes be compelled to ask your indulgence, I feel sure it will not be denied me; with your aid and co-operation I trust the work of this Session will be satisfactory to ourselves and beneficial to the best interests of the State.

I again thank you, gentlemen, for your kind consideration and attention.

On motion by Mr. Lee,

The President's address was ordered to be entered upon the Journal.

On motion by Mr. McLane, it was

Ordered, That the officers of the Senate for the present Session shall be as follows :

*Secretary*—Augustus Gassaway.

*Reading Clerk*—Wm. H. Hiss.



*Journal Clerk*—Stevenson Archer, of Jno.

*Sergeant-at-Arms*—J. W. Porter.

*Engrossing Clerk*—Ignatius E. Mattingly.

*Doorkeeper*—W. S. Gordy.

*Assistant Doorkeeper*—L. Mayberry.

*Postmaster*—C. W. Warren.

*Committee Clerks*—J. J. Gallagher.

“ “ H. Schultz.

“ “ T. R. Beckett.

“ “ Wm. G. Purnell.

“ “ F. Shipley.

“ “ T. H. Traverse.

*Folders*—J. R. Handy.

“ John Bishop.

“ Jesse F. Gardner.

*Pages*—Ashby Brady and John Sewell.

*Messengers*—Daniel Kraft.

“ T. Watts.

“ J. Thomas Gallagher.

And that the said officers shall receive the same compensation as the officers of the Session of 1876.

Mr. Steiner moved that the Engrossing Clerk and the three last named Committee Clerks of the above order be stricken out.

Which motion was rejected by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Combs, of Allegany,  
Lancaster,  
Newcomer,

Steiner,  
Welfley—5.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. President,  
Bannon,  
Combs, of St. Mary's,  
Cooper,  
Dennis,  
Ford,  
Franklin,

Hill,  
Hepbron,  
Joyce,  
Leo,  
McLane,  
Miller,  
Peter,

Freeman,  
Garey,  
Gorman,  
Humphreys,

Sullivan,  
Stump,  
Wilson—21.

The order was then adopted.

The several officers present were then qualified by taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan, it was

Ordered, That a committee of three Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to select two Chaplains for this body.

The President appointed as said committee, Messrs. Sullivan, Bannon and Hill.

On motion by Mr. Cooper, it was

Ordered, That the Rules of the Senate of 1876 be adopted for the government of the Senate until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Bannon submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 3d, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

The Senate has organized by the election of the Hon. Edward Lloyd as President, and the appointment of Augustus Gassaway as Secretary. We are now ready to proceed with the business of the Session, and propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee of three members to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Legislature is prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Bannon, Humphreys and Stump.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Joyce, it was

Ordered, That the Librarian be authorized to furnish, if in the Library, to each member of the Senate, a copy of the Constitution and Code and supplements, to be returned to the Library at the close of the Session.

On motion by Mr. McLane,

Leave was granted to Messrs. McLane, Steiner and Gorman to introduce a bill to provide for councils of arbitration between masters and workmen.

On motion by Mr. Steiner,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations (hereafter to be appointed) to introduce a bill, entitled an Act to provide for the further extension of the Charter of the Fredericktown Savings' Institution, supplementary to an Act, passed at January Session, 1858, chapter 162, entitled "a further supplement to an Act, entitled an Act to incorporate the Fredericktown Savings' Institution, passed at December Session, 1826, March 9, 1827, chapter 189," repealing the first section thereof, and re-enacting the same with amendments.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 3rd, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We have received your message informing us of the organization of your Honorable Body.

The House of Delegates has organized by the election of Hon. Fetter S. Hoblitzell as Speaker, and Milton Y. Kidd, Esq., as Chief Clerk ; 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 House, Messrs. Brown, Tracy and Hinks.

By order,  
MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Messrs. Bannon, Humphreys and Stump, from the Joint Committee to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the two Houses of the General Assembly were organized and ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that they had been requested by his Excellency to inform the Senate that he would communicate a message to the two Houses in a few minutes.

The Hon. R. C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered a message from his Excellency, the Governor.

Which was read.

[See Document A.]

On motion by Mr. Gorman, it was

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed to distribute to the various Committees (when appointed) the several recommendations made by his Excellency, the Governor, in his message just read.

The President appointed as such Committee, Messrs. Gorman, Combs, of St. Mary's, and Franklin.

On motion by Mr. Joyce, it was

Ordered, That the Postmaster of the Senate be, and he is hereby, required to furnish to each Senator the same amount of postage stamps furnished at the last Session of the Senate, and that the same amount be allowed to the Secretary, and that the Secretary have this order forthwith handed to the Postmaster.

Upon motion by Mr. Bannon,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 4th, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Bannon, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Gorman, Humphreys, Hill, Hepbron, Joyce, Lee, Lancaster, McLane, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Steiner, Sulivane, Stump, Welfley, Wilson—22.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The President presented to the Senate the Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Treasury, and Commissioner of Insurance, with the following communication :

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Annapolis, January 4th, 1878.

*Hon. Edward Lloyd, President of the Senate.*

Dear Sir:—I herewith transmit to your Honorable Body my Annual Report of the operations of the Treasury Department for the fiscal year, ended 30th September, 1877, with the accompanying document.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

LEVIN WOOLFORD,  
Comptroller.

[See Documents B. and C.]

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance, (hereafter to be appointed.)

The President presented to the Senate the following communication from the State Librarian :

STATE LIBRARY,

Annapolis, January 4th, 1878.

*A. Gassaway, Esq., Secretary of the Senate.*

Sir:—In response to the order of the Senate passed on yesterday, I have to state that there are no copies of the *Constitution* left in the Library, and not sufficient copies of the Code and Supplements to fully furnish the members of the Senate and House.

This deficiency arises from the fact that copies of both Constitution and Code furnished to former Legislatures were not returned to the Library, after the close of the session.

I would respectfully suggest that the course adopted at the last session be now followed, to wit : that I shall furnish 6 copies of the Code and Supplements for the use of the Senate.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant,

JOHN H. MAGRUDER,  
State Librarian.

Which was read.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 4th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body to proceed to the election of State Treasurer at one o'clock, to-day.

We have nominated upon the part of the House, the Hon. Barnes Compton, of Charles county, and Dr. J. McPherson Scott, of Washington county, and we have appointed as tellers on the part of the House, Messrs. Cox and Hinks, who are to receive the votes of this House, and in connection with tellers to be appointed by your Honorable Body to count the same.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. McLane submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,  
January 4th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We have received your message, proposing to proceed to the election of State Treasurer at one o'clock, this P. M., and concur therein.

We have nominated on the part of the Senate, the Hon. Barnes Compton, of Charles county, and Hon. Dr. J. McPherson Scott, of Washington county, and have appointed as tellers on part of the Senate, Messrs. McLane and Steiner.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 4th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

In order that the strictest economy may be had by the Legislature in the matter of the public printing, we propose

with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to elect a printer for the two Houses of this General Assembly, with whom the Joint Committee on Printing are hereby required to enter into a contract to do all the printing required to be done for this Session, together with fifteen hundred copies of the acts and resolutions upon such terms that the cost of the whole shall not exceed the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars, the amount paid for the printing at the last General Assembly; and further propose that the two Houses shall meet in Joint Convention in the Hall of the House of Delegates, at 2 o'clock this P. M., for the purpose of electing said State Printer by ballot.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. McLane submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,  
January 4th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message proposing to elect a State Printer by the two Houses of the General Assembly at two o'clock, this P. M., in a Joint Convention to be held in the Hall of the House of Delegates, and to instruct the Joint Committee on Printing to contract with the person so selected to do all the printing of the two Houses, including all Bills, Resolutions, and fifteen hundred copies of the Acts and Resolutions, together with all other Documents that may be ordered, for a sum not to exceed the cost of the printing at the last General Assembly, (thirty-eight thousand dollars,) and we respectfully concur therein.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

On the question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays, as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Hepbron,
Bannon,	Lee,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	McLane,
Cooper,	Peter,

Dennis,  
Ford,  
Franklin,  
Gorman,

Sullivan,  
Stump,  
Wilson—15.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Combs, of Allegany,  
Freeman,  
Garey,

Lancaster,  
Steiner,  
Welfley—6.

On motion by Mr. Bannon, it was

Ordered, That the Librarian be requested to furnish six copies of the Code and Supplements, and procure a copy of the Constitution for each Member.

On motion by Mr. McLane,

The twentieth rule of the Senate was unanimously suspended.

On motion by Mr. Hepbron, it was

Ordered, That five days per diem and mileage be allowed to Eugene Goodin, Sergeant-at-Arms, and G. H. W. Ruark, Doorkeeper, for services rendered the Senate at the present Session, and the Chairman of the Committee on Claims is hereby directed to pay said amount.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance, (hereafter to be appointed,) to introduce a bill, entitled an Act to repeal Section 4, Article 64, of Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Mortgages."

On motion by Mr. Bannon,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, (hereafter to be appointed,) to introduce a bill to regulate the taking and signing exceptions in trials at law in the Courts of this State.

On motion by Mr. Dennis,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings (hereafter to be appointed,) to introduce a bill to repeal and re-enact the 41st section of Article 29, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Courts."

On motion of Mr. Bannon,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations, (hereafter to be appointed,) to introduce a bill to appoint a Joint Commission, to plant boundary stones on the line recently established between Virginia and Maryland.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the election of a State Treasurer.

The Senators proceeded to deposit their ballots in the ballot box, which was delivered to Messrs. McLane and Steiner, who conjointly with the Committee of the House of Delegates, retired from the Senate Chamber to count the ballots.

Said Committee having performed their duty, returned with the following

#### REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the Senate and House of Delegates to count the votes cast for Treasurer of Maryland, beg leave to report that

The votes cast by the Senate were in number..... 22  
The votes cast by the House of Delegates were in number 70

Making in all..... 92

Of which number Barnes Compton received 75 votes, and J. McPherson Scott received 15 votes, and there were 2 blank ballots.

We, therefore, respectfully report that Barnes Compton, having received the largest number of votes, is returned by the Committee as elected to the office of Treasurer of Maryland.

ROBERT M. McLANE,  
LEWIS H. STEINER,  
On the part of the Senate.

S. COX, Jr.,  
WM. H. HINKS,  
On the part of the House.

Whereupon it was declared that the Hon. Barnes Compton is duly elected Treasurer.

Mr. Combs of St. Mary's submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,  
January 4th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

The Hon. Barnes Compton having been elected State Treasurer, we propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, that the Presiding Officers of the two Houses address him a joint letter, informing him of his election.

By order,  
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Peter, it was

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the President, to inquire by what authority the officers or managers of the State Penitentiary have made a contract with the United States to take convicts from the District of Columbia, and also as to the terms of such contracts.

The President appointed as such Committee, Messrs. Peter, McLane and Freeman.

The Hon. R. C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered a communication from the Executive, endorsed "Executive business."

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 4th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We have received your message requesting that the presiding officers of the two Houses address the Hon. Barnes Compton a joint letter, informing him of his election as State Treasurer, and respectfully concur therein.

By order,  
MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived

The Senators proceeded to the Hall of the House of Delegates to enter into Joint Convention for the election of a State Printer.

#### JOINT CONVENTION.

The Senators of Maryland, accompanied by the Secretary of the Senate, appeared in the Hall of the House of Delegates.

The Speaker, as Chairman of the Joint Convention, then announced that the Senate and House would now in Joint Convention proceed to the election of a State Printer, as agreed upon between the two Houses.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Stump, on the part of the Senate, and Mr. Merrick, on the part of the House of Delegates, to act as tellers.

Mr. Vandiver nominated George Colton

Mr. Steiner nominated J. Guest King.

The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates called the rolls of their respective Houses, whereupon each Senator and Member proceeded to ballot.

Upon counting the ballots, Mr. Stump, upon the part of the tellers, made the following report:

The tellers appointed respectfully report :

George Colton received.....	75 votes.
J. Guest King received.....	14 "
And there were blank ballots.....	3

Whole number of votes cast..... 92

Whereupon it appearing that George Colton had received a majority of all the votes cast,

The Chairman declared George Colton duly elected State Printer.

The Chairman then announced that the Joint Convention had finished the business for which it had assembled.

Whereupon the Joint Convention adjourned.

The Senators having returned to the Senate Chamber,

The President appointed the following as the Committee on Printing: Messrs. Lee, Hepbron, Miller, Cooper and Lancaster.

On motion by Mr. Gorman, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it stands adjourned until Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Lancaster,

The Senate at 3.40 P. M. adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 8th, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present at roll call the following Senators:

Messrs. President, Bannon, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Gorman, Hepbron, Hill, Joyce, Lancaster, Lee, McLane, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Steiner, Stump, Sulivane-32.

The proceedings of Friday were read and approved.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

*Committee on Finance.*—Messrs. McLane, Gorman, Ford, Miller, Peter.

*Committee on Internal Improvements.*—Messrs. Sulivane, Hepbron, Peter, Hill, Combs, of Allegany.

*Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.*—Messrs. Cooper, Bannon, Ford, Sulivane, Combs, of St. Mary's.

*Committee on Judicial Proceedings.*—Messrs. Dennis, Bannon, Humphreys, Wilson, Combs, of St. Mary's.

*Committee on Labor and Immigration.*—Messrs. Wilson, Joyce, Freeman, Garey, Lancaster.

*Committee on Federal Relations.*—Messrs. Miller, Wilson, Dennis, Peter, Hill.

*Committee on Militia.*—Messrs. Joyce, Ford, Sulivane, Wilson, Newcomer.

*Committee on Agriculture.*—Messrs. Hill, Franklin, Hepbron, Garey, Newcomer.

*Committee on Education.*—Messrs. Stump, Sulivane, McLane, Gorman, Steiner.

*Committee on Printing.*—Messrs. Lee, Hepbron, Miller, Cooper, Lancaster.

*Committee on Corporations.*—Messrs. Gorman, Humphreys, Lee, Joyce, Combs, of Allegany.

*Committee on Engrossed Bills.*—Messrs. Humphreys, Lee, Cooper, Miller, Steiner.

timore, to which the said vessels belong, in alphabetical order, as directed by said order.

I am very respectfully, your obt. servant,

LEVIN WOOLFORD,  
Comptroller of the Treasury.

With accompanying papers,

Which were read, and referred to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE,

January 15th, 1878.

The Joint Resolution extending the time of the Honorable James A. Stewart, Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, and Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, having passed both branches of the General Assembly, was this day filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Mr. Sulivane presented the petition of Thomas K. Smith and 112 other citizens of Dorchester County, praying for the repeal of the Act of 1870, Chapter 394, exempting mortgages from taxation.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Freeman presented the petition of Delilah McRobie, of Garrett County, widow of John McRobie, a soldier of the war of 1812, asking that her name be placed on the pension roll.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Freeman presented the petition of Elizabeth Ford, of Baltimore City, widow of Thomas Ford, a soldier of the war of 1812, asking that her name be placed on the pension roll.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Sulivane,

Leave was granted to Senators Sulivane, Humphreys and Steiner to introduce a bill, to be entitled an Act to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Talbot County to appoint an additional Constable for the First Election District of said county.

On motion by Mr. Dennis,

Leave was granted to Senators Dennis, Humphreys and Steiner, to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to make a new and additional election district in Somerset County.

On motion by Mr. Lancaster,

Leave was granted to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to regulate the catching, and provide for the preservation of fish in the waters of the Potomac and its tributaries.

On motion by Mr. Bannon,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Retrenchment, to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act passed at January Session, 1874, Chapter 200, establishing a State Board of Health.

On motion by Mr. Gorman,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance, to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to appropriate a sum of money to pay the Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, in and for the State of Maryland, their officers and attendants.

On motion by Mr. McLane,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations, to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to continue the corporate existence of the Bank of Commerce, in the City of Baltimore, and cancelling two thousand seven hundred shares in the capital stock thereof.

Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize Elijah S. Adkins to settle his account as guardian to Covington S. H. Littleton, and deliver over the estate to the said ward.

Which was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Sulivane, from a Select Committee, reported favorably

Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Talbot County, to appoint an additional constable for the First Election District of said county.

Which was read the first time.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Senate agreeably to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the United States, entitled an Act to regulate the time and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress, approved the 25th day of

July, A. D. 1866, proceeded by *viva voce* vote of each Senator present to name one person for Senator in Congress from the State of Maryland, for six years from and after the 4th day of March, 1879:

Whereupon,

Mr. Lloyd, President, named Hon. Samuel Hambleton.

" Bannon	" Samuel Hambleton.
" Combs, of Allegany,	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Combs, of St. Mary's,	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Cooper	" George R. Dennis.
" Dennis	" George R. Dennis.
" Ford	" John M. Robinson.
" Franklin	" George R. Dennis.
" Freeman	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Garey	" John M. Robinson.
" Gorman	" James B. Groome.
" Hepbron	" Joseph A. Wickes.
" Hill	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Humphreys	" George R. Dennis.
" Joyce	" George R. Dennis.
" Lancaster	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Lee	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" McLane	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Miller	" Frederick Stump.
" Peter	" George R. Dennis.
" Steiner	" James A. Garey.
" Stump	" Frederick Stump.
" Sulivane	" George R. Dennis.
" Welfley	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Wilson	" John M. Robinson.

2 Senators named Hon. Samuel Hambleton.

4	"	"	"	Lewis H. Steiner.
4	"	"	"	Philip Francis Thomas.
7	"	"	"	George R. Dennis.
3	"	"	"	John M. Robinson.
1	"	"	"	James B. Groome.
1	"	"	"	Joseph A. Wickes.
1	"	"	"	James A. Garey.
2	"	"	"	Frederick Stump.

So it appears that no person received a majority of the votes cast in the Senate.

Mr. McLane, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably,

Senate bill entitled an Act to appropriate a sum of money to pay the electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, in and for the State of Maryland, their officers and attendants.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Humphreys,

At 12:25 P. M., the Senate went into Executive Session.

At 12:27 P. M., the Senate resumed the consideration of Legislative business.

On motion by Mr. Ford,

At 12:30 P. M., the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. J. H. Dashiell.

Present at roll call the following Senators:

Messrs. President, Bannon, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Gorman, Hepbron, Hill, Humphreys, Joyce, Lancaster, Lee, McLane, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Steiner, Stump, Sulivane, Welfley, Wilson—26.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Stump presented a petition praying that the name of Harriet Gray, of Harford County, be placed on the pension list.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.



BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 15th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Select Committee of five, three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, to visit the Maryland Penitentiary, and to examine into its present condition, the manner in which it is conducted, and to report to the two Houses.

We have appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Burt, Dennis and Johnston.

By order,  
MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which were read.

Also, delivered

House bill entitled an Act to repeal Section 1, of the Acts passed January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to protect fish in the Black Water River, in Dorchester County, and to enact the following in lieu thereof.

Which was read the first time, and referred to Senators Sulivane, Stump and Dennis.

Also, delivered

House bill entitled an Act to empower the Mayor and Common Council of Manchester to subscribe to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Hanover Railroad Company.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, delivered,

House bill entitled an Act supplementary to an Act passed at the January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church of Frederick, passed February 24, 1841, Chapter 125.

Which was read a first time and referred to Senators Steiner, Freeman and Humphreys.

Also, delivered

House bill entitled an Act to repeal Chapter 274 of the Acts of Assembly, passed at January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to add additional Sections to Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Washington County," sub-title

"County Commissioners," to be known as Sections 87 A, 87 B, 87 C, 87 D, 87 E, 87 F, 87 G, 87 H, 87 I, 87 J, 87 K, 87 L, 87 M, 87 N, 87 O, 87 P, 87 Q, 87 R, 87 S and 87 Z, and re-enact the same so as to read as follows.

Which was read a first time and referred to Senators New-comer, Bannon and Wilson.

Mr. Lee submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,  
January 16, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We have received your message inviting this House to convene with your Honorable Body, in Joint Assembly, at 12 o'clock, meridian, this day, January 16th, 1878, in accordance with the Act of Congress, approved July 25th, 1866, entitled an Act to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress, and respectfully concur therein.

By order,  
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Bannon submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,  
January 16, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of five—three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, to visit the Maryland Penitentiary, and to examine into the present condition, the manner in which it is conducted, and to report to the two Houses, and non-concur therein.

By order,  
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

#### JOINT ASSEMBLY.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Delegates, for the purpose of convening in Joint Assembly with that Body, for the election of United States Senator.

The Secretary of the Senate then proceeded to read from the Journal of the Senate, proceedings had upon the subject in the Senate of Maryland on yesterday.

After which,

The Clerk of the House of Delegates read from the Journal of the House the proceedings had in that Body upon the same subject on the same day.

Whereupon, it appearing that no person had received a majority of all the votes cast in both Houses for Senator in Congress,

The Speaker of the House of Delegates, as Chairman of the Joint Convention, declared that no person had been elected Senator from Maryland in the Congress of the United States.

The Secretary of the Senate then proceeded to call the roll of the Senate,

Whereupon,

Mr. Lloyd, President, named Hon. Samuel Hambleton.

" Bannon	" "	Samuel Hambleton
" Combs, of Allegany,	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Combs, of St. Mary's,	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Cooper	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Dennis	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Ford	" "	John M. Robinson.
" Franklin	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Freeman	" "	John M. Robinson.
" Garey	" "	John M. Robinson.
" Gorman	" "	James B. Groome.
" Hepbron	" "	Joseph A. Wickes.
" Hill	" "	Philip Francis Thomas.
" Humphreys	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Joyce	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Lancaster	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Lee	" "	Philip Francis Thomas.
" McLane	" "	Philip Francis Thomas.
" Miller	" "	Frederick Stump.
" Newcomer	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Peter	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Steiner	" "	James A. Garey.
" Stump	" "	Frederick Stump.
" Sulivane	" "	George R. Dennis.

Mr. Wellfley named Hon. Lewis H. Steiner.  
 " Wilson " " John M. Robinson.

2 Senators named Hon. Samuel Hambleton.  
 4 " " " Lewis H. Steiner.  
 8 " " " George R. Dennis.  
 4 " " " John M. Robinson.  
 1 " " " James B. Groome.  
 1 " " " Joseph A. Wickes.  
 3 " " " Philip Francis Thomas.  
 2 " " " Frederick Stump.  
 1 " " " James A. Garey.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates then proceeded to call the roll of the House of Delegates.

Whereupon,

Mr. Hoblitzell, Speaker, named Hon. John M. Robinson.

" Key	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Lawrence	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Spencer	" "	Joseph A. Wickes.
" Thompson	" "	Joseph A. Wickes.
" Snowden	" "	James B. Groome.
" Acton	" "	Philip Francis Thomas.
" Nutwell	" "	Montgomery Blair.
" Jones	" "	James B. Groome.
" Cox	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Mitchell, of Chas.	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Townsend	" "	James B. Groome.
" Burton	" "	James B. Groome.
" Johnston	" "	James B. Groome.
" Yellott	" "	Philip Francis Thomas.
" Williams	" "	John M. Robinson.
" Banks	" "	James B. Groome.
" Hardcastle	" "	Samuel Hambleton.
" Thomas	" "	Samuel Hambleton.
" Roach	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Rowe	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Polk	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Travers	" "	James A. Stewart.
" Houston	" "	John M. Robinson.
" Johnson	" "	George R. Dennis.

Mr. Turner	named Hon. James B. Groome.
" Touchstone	" Frederick Stump.
" Knight	" James B. Groome.
" Merrick	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Hall	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Osborn	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Carmichael	" John M. Robinson.
" Weedon	" John M. Robinson.
" Wilson, of Wor.	" George R. Dennis.
" Dennis	" George R. Dennis.
" Riggs	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Lugenbeel	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Hartsock	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Leib	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Scarboro	" Frederick Stump.
" Scott	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Vaudiver	" Frederick Stump.
" Massey	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Todd	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" McCosker	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Berkemeier	" George R. Dennis.
" Burt	" George R. Dennis.
" Hays	" George R. Dennis.
" Higgins	" George R. Dennis.
" Rayner	" George R. Dennis.
" Scharf	" George R. Dennis.
" Hamilton	" George R. Dennis.
" Mitchell, of B. City	" George R. Dennis.
" Campbell	" George R. Dennis.
" Harig	" George R. Dennis.
" Matthews	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Sander	" George R. Dennis.
" Smith	" George R. Dennis.
" Farrow	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Fiery	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Harrison	" James B. Groome.
" Perkins	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Canby	" Montgomery Blair.
" Griffith	" Montgomery Blair.

Mr. Blair	named Hon. E. B. Prettyman.
" Oder	" James B. Groome.
" Carroll	" Samuel Hambleton.
" McKaig	" Samuel Hambleton.
" Brown	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Shriver	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Sellman	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Newbelle	" Philip Francis Thomas.
" Tracey	" James B. Groome.
" Tyson	" George R. Dennis.
" Turpin	" George R. Dennis.
" Fooks	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Wilson, of Gar.	" Lewis H. Steiner.
" Blocher	

22 Members of the House—named Hon. Geo. R. Dennis	
5 " " " " " "	" J. M. Robinson
4 " " " " " "	" Samuel Hambleton
14 " " " " " "	" Lewis H. Steiner
11 " " " " " "	" James B. Groome
2 " " " " " "	" Joseph A. Wicks
12 " " " " " "	" Philip F. Thomas
3 " " " " " "	" Frederick Stump
3 " " " " " "	" Montgomery Blair
1 " " " " " "	" James A. Stewart
1 " " " " " "	" E. B. Prettyman.

Whereupon, it appeared by a *viva voce* vote of each Senator and Member present, (a majority of all the Members elected to both Houses being present, and voting) that upon a

JOINT VOYE

Hon. George R. Dennis	received.....	30 votes.
" Philip Francis Thomas	" .....	15 "
" Lewis H. Steiner	" .....	18 "
" James B. Groome	" .....	12 "
" Frederick Stump	" .....	5 "
" John M. Robinson	" .....	9 "
" Samuel Hambleton	" .....	6 "
" Montgomery Blair	" .....	3 "
" E. B. Prettyman	" .....	1 "

Hon. James A. Stewart	received.....	1	“
“ Joseph A. Wickes	“ .....	3	“
“ James A. Garey	“ .....	1	“

Whereupon, it appearing that no person had received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chairman declared that no person had been elected by the Joint Convention as Senator from Maryland, to the Congress of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Higgins,

At 12.35, P. M., the Joint Convention adjourned.

At 12.40, P. M., the Senators returned to the Senate Chamber, and resumed Legislative business.

The Hon. R. C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered a communication from the Executive, endorsed, “Executive business.”

On motion by Mr. Lee,

At 12.40, P. M., the Senate went into Executive Session.

At 12.45, P. M., the Senate resumed the consideration of Legislative business.

On motion by Mr. Lee,

At 12.45, P. M., the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, January 17th, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. B. S. Highley.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Bannon, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Gorman, Hepbron, Hill, Humphreys, Joyce, Lancaster, Lee, McLane, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Steiner, Stump, Sulivane, Welfley, Wilson—26.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. McLane presented the petition of members of the Baltimore City Bar, praying that the term of office of Hon. George W. Dobbin, one of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of the City of Baltimore, be extended in pursuance of the 3rd Section of the 4th Article of the Constitution.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

On motion by Mr. Lee, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, directed to procure for the use of the Senate two suitable book-cases to receive the Codes, Laws and Journals belonging to the Senate Library. The cost thereof not to exceed the sum of thirty-five dollars.

Mr. Newcomer from a Select Committee, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to repeal Chapter 274 of the Acts of Assembly, passed at January Session, 1876, entitled an Act to add additional sections to Article 21, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title “Washington County,” sub-title “County Commissioners,” to be known as Sections 87 A, 87 B, 87 C, 87 D, 87 E, 87 F, 87 G, 87 H, 87 I, 87 J, 87 K, 87 L, 87 M, N, 87 O, 87 P, 87 Q, 87 R, 87 S and 87 Z, and re-enact the same so as to read as follows.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Dennis, from the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland to issue bonds to the amount of \$65,000 to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Maryland, and confirming an ordinance entitled an ordinance to aid the introduction of the Pennsylvania Railroad into the City of Cumberland, passed for said purpose by said Mayor and City Council, November 21st, 1877, and approved by a vote of the people of said City, December 15th, 1877.

Which was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Dennis,

The rules were suspended, so as to give a third reading this day to said bill, by yeas and nays as follows :

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messr . President,	Joyce,
Combs, of Allegany,	Lancaster,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	McLane,

this Act, any person or persons so convicted shall be fined not less than ten dollars, or more than twenty-five dollars, at the discretion of the Justice, and stand committed by said Justice until the fine and costs are paid.

Which was adopted, and,

Said bill was then read the second time.

Senate bill entitled an Act to regulate the compensation of the Sheriff of Prince George's County for keeping and boarding prisoners in Jail.

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Talbot County to appoint an additional Constable for the First Election District of said county.

Was read the third time, and passed by yeas and nays as follows :

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Joyce,
Bannon,	Lancaster,
Combs, of Allegany,	Lee,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	McLane,
Cooper,	Newcomer,
Dennis,	Peter,
Franklin,	Steiner,
Freeman,	Stump,
Garey,	Sulivane,
Hill,	Welfley,
Humphreys,	Wilson—22.

## NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate bill entitled an Act to appropriate a sum of money to pay the electors of President and Vice-President of the United States in and for the State of Maryland, their officers and attendants.

Was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows :

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Joyce,
Bannon,	McLane,
Combs, of Allegany,	Miller,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	Newcomer,
Cooper,	Peter,

Dennis,  
Franklin,  
Freeman,  
Garey,  
Hill,  
Humphreys,

Steiner,  
Stump,  
Sulivane,  
Welfley,  
Wilson—21.

## NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. McLane submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 17th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.*

We have read your message requesting the Committee on Finance, of the Senate, to act jointly with the Committee appointed on the part of the House of Delegates in making an investigation into the affairs of the Susquehanna and Tide Water Canal Company, and concur therein.

By order,

A. GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

## JOINT ASSEMBLY.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Delegates, to enter into an election of United States Senator.

The Secretary of the Senate then proceeded to call the roll of the Senate.

Whereupon,

Mr. Lloyd, President, named Hon. Philip Francis Thomas.	
" Bannon	" " James B. Groome.
" Combs, of Allegany	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Combs, of St. Mary's	" " George R. Dennis.
" Cooper	" " George R. Dennis.
" Dennis	" " Frederick Stump.
" Ford	" " John M. Robinson.
" Franklin	" " George R. Dennis.
" Freeman	" " John M. Robinson.
" Garey	" " John M. Robinson.
" Gorman	" " James B. Groome.

Mr. Hepbron	named Hon. James A. Pearce.
" Hill	" " John M. Robinson.
" Humphreys	" " George R. Dennis.
" Joyce	" " George R. Dennis.
" Lancaster	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Lee	" " James B. Groome.
" McLane	" " Philip Francis Thomas.
" Miller	" " Frederick Stump.
" Newcomer	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Peter	" " George R. Dennis.
" Steiner	" " James A. Garey.
" Stump	" " Frederick Stump.
" Sulivane	" " Robert M. McLane.
" Welley	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Wilson	" " John M. Robinson.
2 Senators	named Hon. Philip Francis Thomas.
3 " "	" " James B. Groome.
4 " "	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
6 " "	" " George R. Dennis.
5 " "	" " John M. Robinson.
3 " "	" " Frederick Stump.
1 " "	" " James A. Pearce.
1 " "	" " Robert M. McLane.
1 " "	" " James A. Garey.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates then proceeded to call the roll of the House of Delegates.

Whereupon,

Mr. Hoblitzell, Speaker,	named Hon. Robert M. McLane.
" Key	" " James B. Groome.
" Lawrence	" " John M. Robinson.
" Spencer	" " Joseph A. Wickes.
" Thompson	" " James Alfred Pearce.
" Snowden	" " James B. Groome.
" Acton	" " James B. Groome.
" Nutwell	" " James B. Groome.
" Parker	" " Philip Francis Thomas.
" Jones	" " James B. Groome.
" Cox	" " John M. Robinson.
" Mitchell, of Chas.,	" " Lewis H. Steiner.

Mr. Townsend	named Hon. James B. Groome.
" Burton	" " John M. Robinson.
" Johnston	" " John M. Robinson.
" Yellott	" " John M. Robinson.
" Williams	" " John M. Robinson.
" Banks	" " James B. Groome.
" Hardcastle	" " Samuel Hambleton.
" Thomas	" " Samuel Hambleton.
" Roach	" " George R. Dennis.
" Rowe	" " George R. Dennis.
" Polk	" " George R. Dennis.
" Travers	" " James B. Groome.
" Houston	" " George R. Dennis.
" Johnson	" " John M. Robinson.
" Turner	" " James B. Groome.
" Touchstone	" " Frederick Stump.
" Knight	" " James B. Groome.
" Merrick	" " John M. Robinson.
" Hall	" " John M. Robinson.
" Osborn	" " John M. Robinson.
" Carmichael	" " John M. Robinson.
" Weedon	" " John M. Robinson.
" Wilson, of War.,	" " George R. Dennis.
" Dennis	" " George R. Dennis.
" Riggs	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Lugenbeel	" " George R. Dennis.
" Hartsock	" " John M. Robinson.
" Leib	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Scarboro	" " Frederick Stump.
" Scott	" " Philip Francis Thomas.
" Vandiver	" " Robert M. McLane.
" Massey	" " John M. Robinson.
" Todd	" " John M. Robinson.
" McCosker	" " Philip Francis Thomas.
" Berkemeier	" " George R. Dennis.
" Burt	" " George R. Dennis.
" Hays	" " George R. Dennis.
" Higgins	" " Robert M. McLane.
" Rayner	" " George R. Dennis.
" Schari	" " Robert M. McLane.

Mr. Hamilton	named Hon.	George R. Dennis.
" Mitchell, of B. city,	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" Campbell	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" Harig	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Matthews	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" Sander	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" Smith	" "	James B. Groome.
" Farrow	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Fiery	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" Harrison	" "	James B. Groome.
" Perkins	" "	James B. Groome.
" Canby	" "	Montgomery Blair.
" Griffith	" "	Montgomery Blair.
" Blair	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" Oder	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" Carroll	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" McKaig	" "	Robert M. McLane.
" Brown	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Shriver	" "	John M. Robinson.
" Sellman	" "	James B. Groome.
" Newbelle	" "	James B. Groome.
" Tracey	" "	James B. Groome.
" Tyson	" "	James B. Groome.
" Turpin	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Fooks	" "	George R. Dennis.
" Wilson, of Gar.,	" "	John M. Robinson.
" Blocher	" "	John M. Robinson.

3 Members of the House named Hon. Philip Francis Thomas.			
17	"	"	James B. Groome.
4	"	"	Lewis H. Steiner.
16	"	"	George R. Dennis.
2	"	"	Frederick Stump.
18	"	"	John M. Robinson.
1	"	"	James A. Pearce.
13	"	"	Robert M. McLane.
1	"	"	Joseph A. Wickes.
2	"	"	Samuel Hambleton.
2	"	"	Montgomery Blair.

Whereupon, it appeared by a *viva voce* vote of each Senator

and Member present, (a majority of all the members elected to both Houses being present, and voting) that upon a

JOINT VOTE.

Hon. Philip Francis Thomas received.....	5 votes.
" James B. Groome .....	20 "
" Lewis H. Steiner .....	8 "
" George R. Dennis .....	22 "
" Frederick Stump .....	5 "
" John M. Robinson .....	23 "
" James A. Pearce .....	2 "
" Robert M. McLane .....	14 "
" James A. Garey .....	1 "
" Joseph A. Wickes .....	1 "
" Montgomery Blair .....	2 "
" Samuel Hambleton .....	2 "

Whereupon, it appearing that no person had received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chairman declared that no person had been elected by the Joint Convention as Senator from Maryland, to the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Banks moved that the Joint Assembly do now adjourn.

Mr. Vandiver demanded the yeas and nays.

The Secretary of the Senate then called the yeas and nays of the Senate, which appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Hill,
Bannon,	Humphreys,
Combs, of Allegany,	Joyce,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	Lancaster,
Cooper,	Lee,
Dennis,	McLane,
Ford,	Miller,
Franklin,	Peter,
Freeman,	Stump,
Garey,	Welfley,
Gorman,	Wilson—23.
Hepbron,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs.	Newcomer,	Sullivan—3.
	Steiner,	

The Clerk of the House of Delegates then called the yeas and nays of the House, which appeared as follows:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.

Hoblitzell, Sp'kr,	Johnson,	Sander,
Key,	Turner,	Smith,
Spencer,	Touchstone,	Fiery,
Thompson,	Knight,	Harrison,
Snowden,	Carmichael,	Canby,
Acton,	Weedon,	Griffith,
Nutwell,	Wilson, of Wor.,	Blair,
Parker,	Dennis,	Oder,
Jones,	Scarboro,	Carroll,
Cox,	Scott,	McKaig,
Townsend,	Todd,	Brown,
Burton,	McCosker,	Shriver,
Johnston,	Berkemeier,	Sellman,
Yellott,	Burt,	Newbelle,
Banks,	Hays,	Tracey,
Hardcastle,	Higgins,	Tyson,
Thomas,	Scharf,	Turpin,
Roach,	Hamilton,	Fooks,
Rowe,	Mitchell, of B. city,	Wilson, of Gar.
Polk,	Campbell,	Blocher.—64.
Travers,	Harig,	
Houston,	Matthews,	

## NEGATIVE.

Messrs.

Lawrence,	Osborn,	Vandiver,
Mitchell, of Chas.,	Riggs,	Massey,
Williams,	Lugenbeel,	Farrow,
Merrick,	Hartsock,	Perkins.—14.
Hall,	Leib,	

So a majority of the Joint Assembly having voted in the affirmative, the Chairman at 12.40 P. M. declared the Joint Assembly adjourned.

At 12.40 P. M. the Senators returned to the Senate Chamber, and resumed legislative business.

Mr. Gorman, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably,

Senate bill entitled an Act to provide for the further extension of the charter of the Frederick Town Savings Institution, supplementary to an Act passed at January Session, 1858, Chapter 162, entitled a further supplement to an Act to

incorporate the Frederick Town Savings Institution, passed at December Session, 1826, March 9th, 1827, Chapter 139, repealing the first section thereof, and re-enacting the same with amendments.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Dennis,

At 12.45 P. M., the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 18th, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. L. D. Travers.

Present at roll call the following Senators:

Messrs. President, Bannon, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Hepbron, Hill, Lancaster, Lee, McLane, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Steiner, Stump, Sulivane, Welley—22.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The President presented to the Senate the following communication from the Comptroller of the Treasury.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Comptroller's Office,

Annapolis, Jan. 18, 1878.

*Hon. Edward Lloyd, President of the Senate:*

Dear Sir:—In obedience to the order of the Senate passed on the 16th instant, in these words: "By the Senate, January 16th, 1878, ordered, that the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate, what is the scope of the decision recently made by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, in the case of the County School Commissioners of Prince George's County, against the Comptroller of the Treasury, what effect the said decision if affirmed by



Cooper,	Newcomer,
Ford,	Peter,
Franklin,	Steiner,
Garey,	Stump,
Gorman,	Sullivan,
Hepbron,	Welfley,—21
Hill,	

NEGATIVE—Mr. Freeman.

Mr. Lee submitted the following amendment.

In Section 2, strike out the words "county or."

Which was adopted.

Said bill was then read a third time and passed by yeas and nays follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Lancaster,
Bannon,	Lee,
Combs, of Allegany,	McLane,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	Miller,
Cooper,	Newcomer,
Ford,	Peter,
Franklin,	Stump,
Garey,	Sullivan,
Gorman,	Welfley—19.
Hill,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Freeman, Steiner—2.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

JOINT ASSEMBLY.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Delegates, for the purpose of convening in Joint Assembly with that Body, for the election of United States Senator.

The Secretary of the Senate then proceeded to call the roll of the Senate.

Whereupon,

Mr. Lloyd, President,	named Hon. James Black Groome.
" Bannon	" " James Black Groome.
" Combs, of Allegany,	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Combs, of St. Mary's,	" " James Black Groome.
" Cooper	" " James Black Groome.
" Ford	" " James Black Groome.
" Franklin	" " James Black Groome.

Mr. Freeman	named Hon. John M. Robinson.
" Garey	" " John M. Robinson.
" Gorman	" " James Black Groome.
" Hepbron	" " James Black Groome.
" Hill	" " James Black Groome.
" Lancaster	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Lee	" " James Black Groome.
" McLane	" " James Black Groome.
" Miller	" " James Black Groome.
" Newcomer	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Peter	" " James Black Groome.
" Steiner	" " James A. Garey.
" Stump	" " James Black Groome.
" Sullivan	" " James Black Groome.
" Welfley	" " Lewis H. Steiner.

15 Senators named Hon. James B. Groome.

2 " " " John M. Robinson.

4 " " " Lewis H. Steiner.

1 " " " James A. Garey.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates then proceeded to call the roll of the House of Delegates.

Whereupon,

Mr. Hoblitzell, Speaker,	named Hon. James B. Groome.
" Key	" " James Black Groome.
" Lawrence	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Spencer	" " James Black Groome.
" Thompson	" " James Black Groome.
" Snowden	" " James Black Groome.
" Acton	" " James Black Groome.
" Nutwell	" " James Black Groome.
" Cox	" " James Black Groome.
" Mitchell, of Chas.,	" " Lewis H. Steiner.
" Townsend	" " James Black Groome.
" Burton	" " James Black Groome.
" Yellott	" " James Black Groome.
" Williams	" " James Black Groome.
" Banks	" " James Black Groome.
" Thomas	" " James Black Groome.

Mr. Beach	named Hon.	James Black Groome.
" Rowe	" "	James Black Groome.
" Polk	" "	James Black Groome.
" Travers	" "	James Black Groome.
" Houston	" "	James Black Groome.
" Johnson	" "	James Black Groome.
" Turner	" "	James Black Groome.
" Touchstone	" "	James Black Groome.
" Knight	" "	James Black Groome.
" Merriek	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Hall	" "	James Black Groome.
" Osborn	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Carmichael	" "	James Black Groome.
" Weedon	" "	James Black Groome.
" Wilson, of Wor.,	" "	James Black Groome.
" Riggs	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Lugenbeel	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Hartsock	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Leib	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Scarborough	" "	James Black Groome.
" Scott	" "	James Black Groome.
" Vandiver	" "	James Black Groome.
" Todd	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" McCosker	" "	James Black Groome.
" Berkemeier	" "	James Black Groome.
" Burt	" "	James Black Groome.
" Hays	" "	James Black Groome.
" Higgins	" "	James Black Groome.
" Scharf	" "	James Black Groome.
" Hamilton	" "	James Black Groome.
" Mitchell, of B. City	" "	James Black Groome.
" Campbell	" "	James Black Groome.
" Harig	" "	James Black Groome.
" Matthews	" "	James Black Groome.
" Sander	" "	James Black Groome.
" Smith	" "	James Black Groome.
" Farrow	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Fiery	" "	James Black Groome.
" Harrison	" "	James Black Groome.

Mr. Perkins	named Hon.	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Canby	" "	James Black Groome.
" Griffith	" "	James Black Groome.
" Blair	" "	James Black Groome.
" Oder	" "	James Black Groome.
" Carroil	" "	James Black Groome.
" Sellman	" "	James Black Groome.
" Shriver	" "	James Black Groome.
" Brown	" "	James Black Groome.
" Newbell	" "	James Black Groome.
" Tracy	" "	James Black Groome.
" Tyson	" "	James Black Groome.
" Turpin	" "	James Black Groome.
" Fooks	" "	James Black Groome.
" Wilson, of Garrett	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.
" Blocher	" "	Lewis H. Steiner.

58 Members of the House named Hon. James Black Groome.  
15 " " " " Lewis H. Steiner.

Whereupon, it appeared by *viva voce* vote of each Senator and Member present, (a majority of all the Members elected to both Houses, being present and voting) that upon a

## JOINT VOTE

Hon. James Black Groome received.....	73 votes.
" Lewis H. Steiner " .....	17 "
" John M. Robinson " .....	2 "
" James A. Garey " .....	1 "

Whereupon, it appearing that the Hon. James Black Groome had received a majority of all the votes cast (a majority of all the members elected to both Houses being present and voting.)

The Chairman declared that the Hon. James B. Groome having received a majority of all the votes cast by the Joint Assembly, (a majority of all the Members elected to both Houses being present and voting,) he is therefore elected Senator from the State of Maryland to the Congress of the United States for the term of six years, commencing on the 4th day of March, 1879.

The Chairman then announced that the Joint Assembly had finished the business for which it had assembled.

Whereupon,

The Joint Assembly adjourned.



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The Senators having returned to the Senate Chamber,

On motion by Mr. Gorman, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

Which was adopted by yeas and nays, as follows:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Bannon,	Lee,
Combs, of Allegany,	McLane,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	Miller,
Cooper,	Peter,
Gorman,	Stump,
Hill,	Welfley—13.
Lancaster,	

## NEGATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Steiner,
Freeman,	Sullivan—5.
Garey,	

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 18th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to appoint a Joint and Special Committee of five (three from this House and two from the Senate) to notify the Honorable James B. Groome that he has been this day duly elected to represent this State in the United States Senate for six years, from and after the 4th day of March 1879. We have appointed on the part of this House Messrs. Turner, Carmichael and Higgins.

By order,  
MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Peter submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,  
January 18th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of five (three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate) to notify

the Honorable James Black Groome that he has this day been duly elected to represent this State in the United States Senate for six years, from and after the 4th day of March, 1879, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Peter and Sullivan.

By order,  
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Bannon,  
The Senate at 12.45 P. M. adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 22nd, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. L. D. Travers.

Present at roll call the following Senators:

Messrs. President, Bannon, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Gorman, Hepbron, Hill, Humphreys, Joyce, Lancaster, Lee, Mc-Lane, Miller, Steiner, Stump, Sullivan.—17.

The proceedings of Friday were read and approved.

The President presented to the Senate the following communication from the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Police of Baltimore City.

OFFICE BOARD POLICE COMMISSIONERS,  
Baltimore, January 22nd, 1878.

*To the Honorable, the President of the Senate:*

Sir:—The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Police of Baltimore City, herewith transmit to you for the consideration of the Honorable Body over which you preside,