corporate, existing by virtue of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1825, chapter 55, and the Acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof, by providing for the reduction of the number of directors of said company, fixed by the Act of 1892, chapter 143, section 5, sub-section 13, and also to ratify and approve the increase heretôfore made by the stockholders of the company in the number and par value of the shares of capital stock of said corporation in pursuance of section 4, sub-section 2, of said last mentioned Act."

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

House bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore city to increase the pension of Jas. D. Anderson, a retired patrolman of the police force of Baltimore city."

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

In line 19 insert "\$9," in lieu of "\$12."

Which was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of \$200 to King Bros. to pay them for extra printing done by them for the General Assembly at the session of 1898, and not included in the contract as State printer."

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

House bill entitled "An Act to make all ground rents and other charges in land hereafter created in the State of Maryland, subjects for taxation and to do away with certain covenants in leases and other instruments of conveyances hereafter executed in this State."

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

House bill entitled "An Act to provide for the proper and effectual service of gas in that portion of the city of Baltimore, heretofore known as the Annex."

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

House bill entitled "An Act to add two additional sections to Article 93, of the Code of Public General Laws,