

Mr. Waters submitted the following order :

Ordered, That for the purpose of facilitating business and relieving the Secretary's table of the many bills of a local character, which have accumulated there, evening sessions of the Senate be held on and after this date, commencing at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The question upon the adoption of the order, was Determined in the affirmative.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication:

ANNAPOLIS, February 13, 1867.

To the Hon. C. C. Cox,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR, I was appointed by you chairman of the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, and a member of the committees on Federal Relations, Finance and Corporations. Down to this period, I have endeavored to discharge my duty on each, have not been absent from the Senate Chamber during the sessions of the body, nor from any meeting of the committees; but the business has increased to such an extent, that I find it will be impracticable to attend to the duties of these several committees and to my general duties of Senator with proper diligence and efficiency; I am compelled therefore to ask to be excused from serving on the Committee on Corporations.

With much respect,

I am yours,

GEORGE VICKERS.

Mr. Vickers was accordingly excused.

The President appointed Mr. Stephenson to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Vickers.

On motion by Mr. Holton,

The Senate took up for consideration the bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the town of Ellicott's Mills, by the name of Ellicott's city;

Mr. Holton submitted the following amendments :

After the word "free holder," in the 25th line of section 3, insert the words "or lease holder."

After the word "therefor," in the 6th line of section 14, add "which said damages in all cases when property is condemned for city purposes, shall be determined by a jury of twelve disinterested male citizens of the said city; whom for that purpose the mayor shall cause to have summoned and sworn, and the said jury so summoned and sworn, shall return under their seals to the mayor of said city, the result of