

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive business.

After a time the Senate resumed the consideration of legislative business.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, March 19, 1867.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from the Hon. John Thomson Mason :

ANNAPOLIS, *March 12th*, 1867.

*Hon. C. C. Cox, Lieutenant Governor and
President of the Senate :*

SIR:—May I take the liberty respectfully to suggest through you to the Senate in regard to the site for a government house, the appointment of a commission of three, five, or more gentlemen of known character, sound judgment, and independence, to be selected throughout the State, without compensation, to select a site for the house for the Governor, and to contract for the same.

This plan, in my humble judgment, apart from any personal considerations, would be much more likely to promote the interests of the State, and to give general satisfaction, than to leave the matter to the Legislature, whose time at this late period of the session is so constantly occupied with legitimate legislative business as to render it almost impossible for members to give a fair and thorough examination of the subject.

Being a very important matter in a public point of view, it should demand mature and exclusive consideration.

The above suggestion is not original, but comes from the fact that the State House was located and built through the means of a similar commission.

You are at liberty to make what use you please of this letter. Truly and respectfully yours,

JNO. THOMSON MASON.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Executive Mansion.