FRIDAY, March 27, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Father Burke.

Present at roll call :

Messrs. President, Browne, Biggs, Brewer, Carroll, Denson, Fields, Hyland, Hammond, Kimmel, Parker, of Calvert, Spates, Walsh, Welch—14.

Mr. Denson, from the Committee on Retrenchment, submitted the following Report, which was read and adopted :

To the Honorable Senate :

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned Committee on Retrenchment beg leave to say they have not been able to go as fully into all the expenditures incurred in the maintenance of the State government as was desirable, but have confined themselves, owing to their limited time, to matters pertaining to the Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices, to the Library, officers of the Senate, Public Printing, &c.

Your Committee believe the cost for Printing at the present session will be much less than heretofore, owing to the low rate at which the contract was taken, as well as the determination on the part of the Senate not to indulge in extravagant numbers of documents and other printed matters.

The present system of contracting for the Public Printing has been repealed by the General Assembly now in session. In the future each body will elect their own printer, or by joint convention elect a printer for the General Assembly. Yuor Committee are not prepared to say whether this mode of having the Public Printing done will be a saving to the Treasury or not. This can only be determined when the cost of printing is ascertained under the elective system.

Library.

Under this head your Committee beg to lay before you the accompanying Report of H. P. Jordan, Esq., late Librarian, and respectfully invite the attention of the Senate to his remarks.

Also the accompanying statements from the Comptroller's office, showing the expenses of the Treasury Department for clerical labor and salaries of the heads of the departments.

Your Committee recommend there be employed a Porter, whose duty it shall be to attend the Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices.