

MONDAY, January 31, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Miller.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. Biggs, Browne, Denson, Earle, Fields, Grove, Henry, Jump, Kimmel, Malone, Parker, Sellman, Snyder, Stephenson, Welch—15.

The President of the Senate being absent from the seat of Government,

On motion by Mr. Stephenson,

The Hon. Henry Snyder was elected President *pro tem.*, of the Senate.

The Journal of Friday was read and approved.

Mr. Biggs presented the petitions of Anna Snook and Susannah Measel, asking for a pension.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Browne,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to introduce a bill to refund Brice Shipley, of Carroll county, a sum of money overpaid by him into the State Treasury.

On motion by Mr. Malone,

Leave was granted to Senators Malone, Henry and Fields, to introduce a bill to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Wicomico county to purchase sites for a Court House and Jail in said county, whenever, in their judgment, the public convenience and necessities shall so require ; and to provide ways and means for the same.

Mr. Malone, from the Select Committee to whom the leave had been granted, reported a bill entitled an Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Wicomico to purchase sites and to erect public buildings thereon for the use of said county, and to issue bonds on the credit of said county to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

Which was read the first time.

The Joint Resolutions in relation to the Island of Cuba,

Being upon their second reading,

On motion by Mr. Grove,