

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

And returned Senate bill entitled an Act to appropriate a sum of money to furnish the Governor's Mansion, and appoint a Committee to superintend and control the disbursement of the same, and the purchase of the furniture.

Endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays."

The Senate bill entitled an Act supplemental to, and to amend an Act, entitled an Act to incorporate the Maryland Agricultural and Mechanical Association, passed March 19, 1867,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Earle from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill entitled an Act, to refund J. S. McCartney, of Hagerstown, Washington county, the sum of twenty-five dollars erroneously paid into the Treasury, reported it without amendment.

Said bill was then read the second time.

The Senate bill entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, passed the December session 1860, chapter 35,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from the Comptroller, in answer to an order of the Senate :

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Annapolis, February, 4th, 1870.

HON. BARNES COMPTON,

*President of the Senate :*

Sir,—In compliance with the following order, passed the Senate on the 1st inst., to wit :

Ordered, That the Comptroller report to the Senate whether the revenues of the Susquehanna and Tide Water Canal Company within the two past fiscal years, have been paid with punctuality, and at the same time to communicate any correspondence between his predecessor in office and the officers of said Company on this subject—I have the honor to report the enclosed statement showing the time of payment of the interest for the past two years; also, a copy of all letters writ-