

FRIDAY, March 11, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Father Freitag.

Present at roll call, the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Browne, Clarke, Denson, Earle, Fields, Henkle, Jump, Maddox, Malone, Miller, Sellman, Snyder, Spates, Stephenson, Timmons, Welch, Wilson—18.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Annapolis, March 9, 1870.

*Hon. Barnes Compton,*

*President of the Senate :*

DEAR SIR : In compliance with the following order passed the Senate on the 8th instant, to wit :

“ Ordered, That the Comptroller report to the Senate how, and to what extent, the Free School Fund of the State will be affected by the failure of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to pay to the State the share of the proceeds of the Washington Branch Road”—I respectfully report that by chapter 33, of Acts of 1839, the sum of thirty-four thousand and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents of the revenue from the Baltimore and Washington Railroad is annually transferred to the credit of the Free School Fund, in lieu of a like sum of the State's share of the surplus revenue of the United States placed to the credit of said Fund by chapter 285, of 1837. The revenue from the Baltimore and Washington Railroad, other than from the one-fifth tax on receipts from passengers, amounts annually to the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars, which is more than sufficient to save the Free School Fund from loss, on this account, so long as the same is regularly paid.

Respectfully submitted.

LEVIN WOOLFORD,

*Comptroller.*

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Maddox presented the petition of R. King Clarke and 127 other citizens of St. Mary's county as regards fishing.