

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 1872.

The Senate met. •

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Henderson.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Blake, Compton, Carroll, Crawford, Claggett, Denson, Davis, Dennis, Earle, Fields, Henry, Jump, Longwell, Miller, Stephenson, Spates, Sellman, Spencer, Steiner, Timmons, Tuck, Wilson, Williams—24.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from the Board of Trade of Baltimore City :

BALTIMORE, March 8, 1872.

Hon. Henry Snyder,

Senate of Maryland :

DEAR SIR—I beg leave to hand you herewith a copy of preamble and resolutions passed by the Board of Trade of this city, on the 4th inst., relating to the improvement of the ship channel of the Patapsco River, and asking that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be authorized by the Legislature, in case of need, to issue bonds to the extent of five hundred thousand dollars, (\$500,000,) for that purpose.

I will thank you to present the same to your Body, and shall be pleased if you can give the measure your support.

I am, yours respectfully,

M. L. WHITRIDGE,

Pres't Board of Trade of Baltimore.

OFFICE BOARD OF TRADE, }
Baltimore, March 4, 1872. }

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade, held this day, the within copy of Preamble and Resolutions, relating to the improvement of the Patapsco River channel, was passed by a unanimous vote.

GEO. W. PORTER,

Secretary.

WEEREAS, In the opinion of the Board of Trade, the improvement of the ship chanuel of the Patapsco River is an object of great importance to the City of Baltimore, urgently demanded by its rapidly increasing commerce ; and