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

On motion by Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That Hon. James T. Earle have leave of absence until next Tuesday.

The Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the sale or lease to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, of a part of a lot in Baltimore city belonging to the State of Maryland, located at the intersection of Fremont and Chatsworth streets, and known as the "State Hay Scales Lot,"

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

The Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the United States to procure the condemnation of lands within the State of Maryland for certain purposes, and ceding jurisdiction thereof when so condemned to the United States,

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

The President laid before the Senate the certificates and affidavits of publication of the Act of 1872, chapter 242, entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel and Calvert counties to subscribe to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Drum Point Rail Road Company.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Tuck, Brattan and Earle.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from his Excellency, Governor Wm. Pinkney Whyte:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, February 27th, 1874.

To the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your Honorable Body, that I have approved the following Senate bills:

- No. 40. A bill entitled an Act supplementary to an Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Allegany county to build a new jail.
- No. 41. A bill entitled an Act for the relief of the Bank of Commerce.
- No. 42. A bill entitled an Act supplementary to an Act to establish an Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb of the State of Maryland.
 - No. 43. A bill entitled an Act to lay out and establish a