

TUESDAY, January 20th, 1874.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. D. Harper.

Present at roll-call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Aydelotte, Blake, Brewer, Billingsley, Brattan, Crawford, Claggett, Davis, Denson, Earle, Fields, Getty, Knight, Longwell, Lloyd, Mudd, McCulloh, Phelps, Stevens, Steiner, Spencer, Suit, Tuck, Walsh—25.

The proceedings of yesterday, were read and corrected.

The Hon. R. C. Holliday, Secretary of State appeared and delivered the following communication from his Excellency, the Governor :

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, January 20th, 1874.

*Gentlemen of the Senate of Maryland :*

In compliance with your order of the 16th inst., I herewith transmit to you the papers and documents on file in the Executive Department, relative to the case of Joseph Davis, under sentence of death in Carroll county. I respectfully request the return of these papers and documents to this Department, when the Senate can dispense with them.

WM. PINKNEY WHYTE,

Which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Stevens,

Referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Stevens presented the memorial of Professors N. R. Smith, Christopher Johnson, W. C. Van Bibber, Riggins, Buckler and others, for the establishment of a State Board of Health.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the State Board of Health.

Mr. McCulloh presented the petition of John Welsh,