

MONDAY, March 16th, 1874.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock, M.

Prayer by Rev. Father Oberley.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Blake, Brewer, Billingsley, Brattan, Davis, Earle, Fields, Getty, Longwell, Lloyd, McCulloh, Phelps, Stevens, Steiner, Suit, Williams—17.

The proceedings of Friday were read and approved.

Mr. Earle presented the memorial of P. P. Pendleton and other merchants of Baltimore, with reference to the proposed ship canal connecting the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Brattan presented the petition of J. A. Horn and fifty other citizens and taxpayers of the town of Crisfield, protesting against the repeal of the charter of said town.

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

Mr. Suit presented the petition of B. F. Duvall and others, citizens of Prince George's county, praying the repeal of section 5 of chapter 381 of the Acts of 1872, offering a reward for the destruction of hawks and owls, so far as the same applies to Prince George's county, for the reason that more than three thousand dollars have been levied during the past year for the destruction of such birds, which they believe have been mostly killed in other counties.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Billingsley presented the following communication :

*To the Honorable*

*The General Assembly of Maryland :*

The undersigned would most respectfully represent that, the State Normal School, now held in a hired house in the city of Baltimore, is regarded by school men as the centre of free public education, so long and so liberally cherished by Maryland.

By the efficient supervision of this school, as well as by