

Wootton was declared elected President *pro tem.*, and took the Chair.

The President directed the Clerk to call the roll, when the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Austin, Dawson, Getty, Gorter, Hayes, Moss, Newman, Posey, Robinson, Rogers, Seibert, Smith, Talbott, Waters, Wilkinson, Wirt, Wootton—17.

Proceedings of Friday's session read and approved.

A messenger appeared and delivered the following communication from the Executive:

ANNAPOLIS, MD., February 1st, 1892.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

I have the honor to enclose you a letter addressed to me by the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, accompanied by a printed copy of the Act of Congress (Public No. 249) approved August 30th, 1890, relating to payments due under that Act to the Maryland Agricultural College.

I would respectfully invite your early consideration of the subject.

FRANK BROWN,  
Governor.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON, January 29, 1892.

*The Governor of the State of Maryland, Annapolis.*

SIR:—I have to invite your attention to the fact that the first three installments of the Congressional appropriation of August 30, 1890, in aid of Colleges of Agricultural and the Mechanic Arts (copy of which is herewith enclosed) having become due before the adjournment of the regular session of the State Legislature meeting next after the passage of the Act referred to, payments were made upon your formal acceptance of the provisions thereof.

The last paragraph of section 2 of the Act of August 1890, provides:

“The grants of money authorized by this Act are made subject to the Legislative assent of the several States and Territories to the purpose of said grants; provided, that payments of such installments of the