

FRIDAY, February 1st, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. J. H. Dashiell.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Bannon, Combs, of Allegany, Combs, of St. Mary's, Cooper, Dennis, Ford, Franklin, Freeman, Garey, Gorman, Hepbron, Hill, Humphreys, Joyce, Lancaster, Lee, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Stump, Sulivane, Welfley, Wilson—24.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The President presented to the Senate the following communication and Resolution from the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore.

SECOND BRANCH CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,
February 1st, 1878.

Hon. Edward Lloyd, President of the Senate :

Sir :—Under instruction of the Branch, I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, to be laid before the Senate, a copy of a preamble and Resolution, adopted by the City Council of Baltimore, on the 21st January, ult.

I beg to remain your obedient servant,

JAMES HYDE,
Clerk.

WHEREAS, In the case of the School Commissioners of Prince George's County *vs.* Levin Woolford, Comptroller of the State, the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County decided that there is due by the State of Maryland to the Public School Fund of the Counties and of the City of Baltimore, a very large sum of money, amounting, it is believed, to four hundred thousand dollars, or thereabouts, in excess of the sum admitted by the Comptroller to belong to said fund, and

Whereas, Since the said decision, leave has been asked to introduce a bill, practically annulling the decree in said case, and designed to prevent the Counties and the City of Baltimore from obtaining said money, paid by the tax-payers of the State for the use of our Public Schools, and

Whereas, The City of Baltimore is largely interested in the proper appropriation of said fund ; therefore, be it