

THURSDAY, February 21st, 1878.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. B. S. Highley.

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, McLane, Miller, Newcomer, Peter, Stump, Sulivane, Welfley, Wilson—25.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The President presented to the Senate the memorial of R. B. B. Chew and P. A. Witmer, Committee on behalf of the Association of Public School Commissioners of Maryland, making a statement of facts relative to the bill entitled an Act to prescribe and define the duties of the Comptroller of the Treasury, relative to the apportionment and distribution of the revenue derived from the annual tax levied for the support of the Free Public Schools, and to confirm the apportionments and distributions thereof, heretofore made by that officer, and asking that said bill be not passed.

Which was partly read, and

On motion by Mr. Bannon,

The further reading of said memorial was dispensed with by yeas and nays, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.	President,	Franklin,
	Bannon,	Freeman,
	Combs, of Allegany,	Humphreys,
	Cooper,	Lancaster,
	Dennis,	Sulivane—10.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs.	Combs, of St. Mary's,	Stump,
	Hill,	Welfley,
	Joyce,	Wilson—7.
	Miller,	

Mr. Sulivane presented the petition of Martin W. Foxwell and 89 others, citizens of Lake's District, Dorchester County, praying for an Act to allow the voters of said district to vote