

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Waters, of Carroll, be excused for non-attendance on the service of this House on yesterday, as he was detained by urgent private business.

On motion of Mr. Cockey, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Neal be granted leave of absence in response to a message imperatively demanding his attention.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Education have leave to send for persons and papers and examine them under oath.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Leave was granted to the Baltimore city delegation to introduce a bill prescribing the manner in which the City Council of Baltimore shall confirm the Mayor's appointments, authorizing the Mayor to notify each Branch that he has sent to the Council a list of appointees, and directing the members of both Branches to meet in the First Branch Chamber, and if there be present in Joint Convention sixteen members of the City Council, said number shall be a quorum, and if sixteen members or more confirm said appointees, they shall be the officers of the Corporation of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Gill,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Ways and Means to introduce a bill entitled an Act making appropriations for the support of the State Government for the year ending 31st December, 1876.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Leave was granted to the Baltimore city delegation to introduce a bill instructing the State's Attorney of Baltimore city and requiring the Attorney General to institute proceedings against the Gas Companies of Baltimore city, so that for various wrongs inflicted on the people of said city, and violations of their charters, the same may be forfeited.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Leave was granted to the Anne Arundel and Baltimore county delegations to introduce a bill to provide for travel over the Patapsco, at or near the site of Sweetzer's Bridge.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Leave was granted to the Baltimore city delegation to introduce a bill to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to purchase or condemn, for public use, the rights and property of the Gas Companies in Baltimore city.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Leave was granted Messrs. Bird, Turner and Hawkins to introduce a bill entitled an Act to add additional sections