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Also,

House bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Talbot County Canal and Navigation Company.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

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House bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Consumers Mutual Gaslight Company of Baltimore city.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion by Mr. Lloyd, it was

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal, that the Senator from Queen Ann's, is absent from his seat on account of the death of a member of his family.

Mr. Brewer presented the following:

FREDERICK CITY, MD.,  
Feb'y 3rd, 1876

*To the Honorable Nicholas Brewer,*

My Dear Sir:—The promptitude and unanimity of the Senate, in passing the Joint Resolution, extending my term of service, excites emotions I am unable to express.

Such a manifestation of public confidence, from a body of distinguished men, to the greater part of whom I am personally unknown, and from whom I have politically differed, is an act of magnanimity, and liberality, of rare occurrence, and worthy of the *Patres Conscripti*. I am fully aware, that I am indebted to their generosity, and the kindness of personal friends, for this unmerited compliment, and can only hope, my future career will justify their action.

With grateful acknowledgments, and sentiments of high consideration, to yourself and colleagues,

I am very truly, yours,

RICHD. J. BOWIE.

Which was read and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Senate bill entitled an Act to provide for making a survey of Allegany and Garrett counties, and taking a vote of the people for or against a new county, in certain districts of Allegany and Garrett counties, at the election to be held for members of Congress, in the Fall of 1876,

Being upon a second reading,

On motion by Mr. Stevens,

Was referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.