

FRIDAY, February 11th, 1876.

Senate met at 12 M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Amos.

Present at roll-call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Aydelotte, Brewer, Duke, Freeman, Ford, Getty, Gorman, Hepbron, Joyce, Knight, Lee, Lawrence, Lloyd, McCulloh, Mudd, Newcomer, Phelps, Stevens, Steiner, Suit, Walsh—22.

Proceedings of yesterday were read, and approved.

The Hon R. C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered a communication from the Executive.

On motion by Mr. Walsh,

The regular order of business was suspended in order to present to the Senate the following communication from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, February 11th, 1876.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates :*

The melancholy duty devolves on me of informing you by an official communication of the death of the Honorable Reverdy Johnson. This sad event occurred last evening at the Executive Mansion, from an unaccountable and unwitnessed accident.

The distinguished abilities of Mr. Johnson as a Jurist and a Statesman have long made him the pride of his native State. And on this most sad occasion, the General Assembly of Maryland may deem it proper to pay to his memory that tribute of respect to which his faithful services to his State and his country so justly entitle him.

JOHN LEE CARROLL.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, it was

Ordered, That as a testimonial of respect to the memory of our late venerated and distinguished fellow-citizen, the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, whose remains are now lying in the Executive Mansion, that the flag of the State House be displayed at half-mast, to remain so during the day, and that the Secretary of the Senate have this order carried into immediate effect.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :