

Hon. James L. Bartol, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, agreeably to the Constitution.

The Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates, Ex-Governor Groome, and his Excellency, Governor Carroll, having retired.

On motion by Mr. Brewer,

The Senate at 12.30, P. M., adjourned until Thursday at 12 M.

THURSDAY, January 13th, 1876.

Senate met at 12 M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Canter.

Present at roll-call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Aydelotte, Bannon, Brewer, Cooper, Duke, Dennis, Freeman, Ford, Getty, Gorman, Hepbron, Humphreys, Joyce, Knight, Lee, Lawrence, Lloyd, McCullough, Mudd, Newcomer, Phelps, Stevens, Steiner, Suit, Walsh—26.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The President submitted the depositions taken in the contested election case of Thomas A. Lynch vs. Asa A. Lawrence, Senator returned from St. Mary's county.

Which was referred to the Committee on Elections.

The President presented the following communication and accompanying report from the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore city.

OFFICE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS,

Baltimore, January 13th, 1876.

To the Honorable,

*The President of the Senate,*

*of the General Assembly of Maryland :*

Sir :—The undersigned, the President of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Baltimore, herewith submits, in accordance with section 816 of Article IV., of the Public Local Laws, applicable to the City of Baltimore, for