

The House resumed its session at 1.15 P. M.

Mr. Waller on behalf of the committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that the committee had discharged that duty and that the Governor would communicate with the House through the proper channel.

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The Hon. Wilfred Bateman, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered the following message from his Excellency, Hon. John Walter Smith, Governor :

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, March 6, 1901.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates :

My official proclamation of February 13th ulto., briefly mentioned the grounds upon which I felt it my duty to call you to meet in Special Session and indicated the subjects upon which you are desired to act.

But it is manifestly proper that I should now submit a more particular statement and recommendation of the three most important measures which seem to me to demand your consideration and for the enactment of which I felt constrained by my sense of duty to exercise the power conferred and discharge the duty imposed upon me by the Constitution to issue the call for this extra session.

These three measures are.

1st. An Act providing for an enumeration of our population under State authority.

2nd. An Act to better preserve the purity of our elections by amendments in some vital particulars of our present law regulating the registration of voters and the manner of holding elections.

3rd. An enabling Act conferring upon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, full and adequate authority to