

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hammond.

Present at roll call :

Messrs. President, Browne, Biggs, Brewer, Carroll, Fields, Grove, Hyland, Hammond, Lee, Maddox, Miller, Malone, Parker, of Calvert, Parker, of Worcester, Spates, Snyder, Smith, Walsh, Welch—20.

The President presented the report of the committee appointed by the Governor, agreeably to the Constitution, "to prepare drafts of General Laws providing for the creation of Corporations," &c. ;

Which was read, and with the General Laws referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Fields asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Quarterly Conference of the Choptank Mission Methodist Protestant Church.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, it was

Ordered, That the Joint Special Committee on Maryland Penitentiary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting the "Ticket-of-Leave" system as now in operation in Great Britain.

On motion by Mr. Maddox,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Maddox, Henkle, Hyland, Parker, of Calvert, and Smith, to introduce a bill to repeal the Act of 1867, chapter 185, in relation to abortion, and re-enact the same with amendments.

Mr. Malone asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate bills, a bill to incorporate Newton Lodge, No. 56, I. O. O. F., at Salisbury, Md.

On motion by Mr. Maddox,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Maddox, Henkle, Hyland, Parker, of Calvert, and Smith, to introduce a bill granting a lien to physicians in certain cases.

Mr. Malone introduced a resolution directing the State Librarian to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Register of Wills for Wicomico county, with certain books.

Mr. Clarke introduced a joint resolution in regard to the removal of the office of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company.

The Senate bill entitled an Act in alteration of an Act passed March 17th, 1865, entitled an Act to incorporate the Ben Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore, Maryland, was reported upon unfavorably by the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Clarke moved to reconsider the order in reference to printing the Governor's message ;