The following proclamation was then read by the Clerk:

STATE OF MARYLAND.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, April 7, 1876.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, By Article 2, Section 16, of the Constitution, the Governor is empowered to convene the Senate on "extraordinary occasions;" and whereas by the provisions of "an Act to provide for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State," passed at the late session of the General Assembly, the Assessors and Boards of Control and Review appointed, are required to be confirmed by the Senate; and whereas the said Act was not presented to the Governor for his approval until after the adjournment of the Legislature, and was not a law at the time of such adjournment, and it is therefore necessary to convene the Senate to advise and consent to the nomination of the several Boards of Control and Review to be appointed by the Governor under the provisions of the said Act of the General Assembly:

Now, therefore, I, John Lee Carroll, Governor of the State of Maryland, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution, do, by this my proclamation, require the Senate of Maryland to convene at the City of Annapolis, the seat of government, on Thursday, the 20th day of the current month of April.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this 7th day of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

JOHN LEE CARROLL.

By the Governor:

R. C. HOLLYDAY,

Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, it was

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Senate is now in session, and ready to receive any communication he may have to make.

The President appointed as said Committee, Messrs. Dennis, Hepbron and Steiner.

The Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, appeared and reported that the Committee had