On motion by Mr. Gorman,

At 12.30 P. M. the Senate went into Executive Session.

At 1.20 P. M. the Senate resumed the consideration of Legislative business.

The Hon. R. C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered the following communication from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Annapolis, January 8th, 1878.

Gentlemen of the Senate of Maryland:

I herewith transmit to you reports of the Maryland Centennial Commissioners, report of the Trustees of the Sheppard Asylum of Baltimore, and a communication from the Hon. John W. Garrett, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, referred to in my Executive Message, the annual report of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Hospital for the Insane, and the annual report of the President and Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary.

JOHN LEE CARROLL, Governor.

Also,

The report of the Centennial Commissioners.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

The report of the President and Trustees of the Sheppard Asylum.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Also,

The reply of John W. Garrett, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, to the communication of A. P. Gorman, President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, May 3, 1877.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance. Also,

The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Hospital for the Insane.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.