

THURSDAY, February 3, 1870.

The House met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Swope.

Present at the call of the roll, the following members :

Messrs. Latrobe, Speaker, Loker, Martin, Beck, Wilmer, Baldwin, of Anne Arundel, Wells, Owings, Duke, Mitchell, Chapman, Cameron, Shipley, Turner, Hardcastle, of Talbot, Brattan, Lankford, Harrington, Woolford, Meekins, Touchstone, Owens, Richards, Biddle, Marbury, Wootton, Duvall, Thomas, of Queen Anne's, Brown, Dennis, Purnell, Thomas, of Fred'k, Bowlus, McCreery, Ritter, Harris, Baldwin, of Harford, Streett, Hopkins, Hardcastle, of Caroline, Garey, Sanner, Hamilton, Cooper, Morse, Blake, Webb, Wiley, McLane, Colton, Kirk, Collins, Ehlen, Gardner, Markland, Marshall, Hoblitzell, Neill, Welty, Sword, Seibert, Hilton, Watkins, Kean, Wilson, of Allegany, Standish, Myers, Percy, Shower, Jordan, Winters, Crouse, Merrick, Gorman, Crawford—75.

The Speaker laid before the House the Report of the County Commissioners of Dorchester county.

Also,

The Report of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county.

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The Report of the County Commissioners of Worcester county, in response to an order of the House.

Which were severally read and referred to the Select Committee on Retrenchment of County Expenses

The following Message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, per hands of Richard C. Hollyday, Esq., Secretary of State :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Annapolis, Feb. 2, 1870. }

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the Report of Messrs. R. Mackall and John M. Carter, Commissioners on the part of this State in the American Convention of Cattle Commissioners, held at Springfield, Ill., on the first of December, 1868.

ODEN BOWIE.