

TUESDAY, December 10th, 1861.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Davenport, Chaplain of the House.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r., Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Nutwell, Davis, of Charles, Jerome, Given, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Wright, Turner, Phelps, Carroll, Leckie, Creswell, McIntire, Morton, Bowie, Sr., Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Smith, Duncan, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Coale, Buhrman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, McCoy, Dove, Hardcastle, Willis, Warner, Wolf, Stockdale, Christopher, Reese, Hugg, Taylor, Alexander, Matthews, Pearson, Findlay, Herbert, Thomas, Rohrer, Davis, of Montgomery, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Everhart, Waters, Hammond, of Howard, and Donaldson.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Davis, of Charles, presented a petition for the increase of the rate of constables fees, in Charles county;

Which was read, and

Referred to the Charles county delegation.

Mr. Reese presented the petition of J. W. Blackburn;

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Waters offered the following order:

Ordered, That all those members who voted against the order furnishing the members and officers of this House with knives, and who have since received them, be and are hereby ordered to return the same;

Which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Montgomery,

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether the net amount of the fees and perquisites of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals amounts to a sum in excess of the maximum limit, fixed by the 40th section of the 3d article of the Constitution; and, if so found in excess, that said committee report whether the fees and perquisites of said office ought not to be reduced, or the excess paid into the treasury of the State.