

SATURDAY, February 17th, 1838.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday, (except Mr. Tuck, Speaker.)

The clerk laid before the house the following letter from the speaker:

Annapolis, 16th Feb. 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

Pressing engagements require me to leave the seat of government to-morrow morning. I expect to resume my official duties by the middle of next week.

With high consideration,

WILLIAM H. TUCK.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

The house proceeded to ballot for a Speaker pro tempore, the ballots of the members being collected in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared, that James D. Carpinter, Esq. had received fifty-seven votes, that there were three scattering and eight blank ballots.

Whereupon, James D. Carpinter, Esq. was declared duly elected the Speaker, pro tempore, of the House of Delegates, and accordingly took the chair.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Coombs, who has been confined by indisposition, again appeared in the house and resumed his seat.

Mr. Comegys presented a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying an alteration of the law relative to the free schools fund of this State, so far as the same relates to Cecil county,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Comegys, Evans and Simpser.

Mr. Maulsby presented a petition of Alexander McComas, of Harford county, praying to be allowed compensation for his attendance on the court of that county, during the late Bank of Maryland trials in that court, (and recommended by forty citizens of said county,)

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Nelson and Forwood.

Mr. Jones presented two petitions of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying for the construction of a bridge across the South-East Fork of the Wicomico river, at Salisbury,

Which were read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Coombs presented a petition of sundry citizens of Prince George's county, praying the passage of an act to regulate gates on public roads,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Coombs, Bowie and Ghiselin.