

MONDAY, March 23d, 1868.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Stewart, (Speaker,) Loker, Coad, Hammond, Iglehart, Bond, of Calvert, Dalrymple, Chapman, Slingluff, Montague, Poteet, Biddison, Corbin, Horsey, Percy, Stewart, of Dorchester, Johnson, Mearns, Keech, Guy, Williams, Sudler, Holloway, Bowlus, Maynard, Byers, Silver, Moore, Wentz, Robb, Morse, Blake, Latrobe, Pentland, Bond, of Baltimore city, Colton, Mullin, Chaisty, Markland, Marshall, Conway, Coudy, Herbert, Rohrer, Seibert, Conley, McCulloh, Kean, Trimble, Hall, Worthington, Jones, Fooks, Hopkins—54.

Mr. Mullin presented the petition of the Carmelite Sisters for repayment of taxes paid in error.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Coad presented the petition of H. G. S. Key, B. G. Harris, R. Ford, and 56 other citizens of St. Mary's county, praying the Legislature to organize efficiently and speedily the Department of Labor and Agriculture, and endorsing the views expressed by the Superintendent in his recent communication to the General Assembly.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Conway submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Mr. Marshall was detained from his seat last Saturday on account of sickness in his family.

Which was adopted.

Also,

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that if Messrs. Marshall, Conway, Hammond, Jones, Clark and Robb had been in their seats when the vote was taken on the bill known as the Cotton and Woolen Factory Ten Hour Bill, they would have voted in the affirmative, and Mr. Bond, of Baltimore city, would have voted in the negative.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Conley submitted the following order :