

WEDNESDAY, February 5th, 1868.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Stewart, (Speaker,) Loker, Coad, Boyer, Hammond, Iglehart, Deale, Dalrymple, Mitchell, Chapman, Nicolai, Slingluff, Holmes, Biddison, Rose, Lowe, Corbin, Horsey, Stewart, of Dorchester, Johnson, Davis, of Cecil, Touchstone, Richards, Mearns, Keech, Guy, Williams, Smith, of Worcester, Albaugh, Dutrow, Wenner, Bow-lus, Maynard, Byers, Silver, Vandiver, Brown, Moore, Hubbard, Wentz, Robb, Morse, Latrobe, Pentland, Smith, of Baltimore city, Bond, of Baltimore city, Colton, Mullin, Chaisty, Harig, Markland, Conway, Syester, Coudy, Herbert, Rohrer, Seibert, Riggs, Conley, McCulloh, Kean, Devecmon, Trimble, Hall, Davis, of Carroll, Jordan, Worthington, Harden, Clark, Jones, Hopkins—71.

The Speaker laid before the House the petition of R. Q. Taylor and 230 others, asking a modification of the Sunday law in relation to the sale of drugs, mineral water and ice cream.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Boyer presented the petition of George A. Barton, John H. Ruth, and 20 other citizens, praying the passage of an Act to incorporate the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows at Church Hill, in Queen Anne's county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Stewart, of Dorchester, presented a petition signed by the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, and 30 other citizens, asking the passage of an Act allowing an increased compensation to the Sheriff for keeping prisoners.

Which was read and referred to the Dorchester delegation.

Mr. Rose submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Mr. Lowe, member of this House, and Mr. Tunis, Committee Clerk, were necessarily absent yesterday.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bond, of Baltimore city,