

MONDAY, March 28, 1870.

The House met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Shipley, of Baltimore county.

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

Messrs. Latrobe, (Speaker,) Loker, Martin, Kilbourn, Baldwin, of Anne Arundel, Duke, Mitchell, Chapman, Shipley, Choate, Turner, Hammond, Hardcastle, of Talbot, Brattan, Lankford, Harrington, Woolford, Meekins, Touchstone, Owens, Biddle, Thomas, of Queen Anne's, Brown, Purnell, Thomas, of Frederick, Bowlus, McCreery, Baldwin, of Harford, Hopkins, Hardcastle, of Caroline, Garey, Sanner, Cooper, Morse, Webb, Wilson, of Baltimore city, Kirk, Collins, Ehlen, Gardner, Markland, Watkins, Kean, Standish, Shower, Crouse, Merrick, Gorman, Crawford, Gordy—50.

Mr. Gardner submitted the following order:

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal of this House the Hon. John H. Marshall is absent from his seat on account of illness in his family.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Shipley submitted the following order:

Ordered, That it be entered on this Journal, that the continued absence of Samuel Robinson, an officer of this House, is caused by extreme illness of one of his family.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Webb, acting Chairman of Committee on Claims, submitted the following Joint Resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of 1868, chapter 425, did pass an Act for the liquidation and settlement of claims heretofore contracted for arming, equipping and uniforming the militia, which claims were made by the Adjutant General, by order of the Governor of the State, and for which certificates of indebtedness of the State of Maryland were given by the Governor to the contracting parties, with the specification that they, the said certificates, were to bear interest until paid.

And, whereas, in the auditing of the said accounts, the Comptroller declined paying the said interest account, because the said accounts were not specified in said Act of 1868, chapter 425; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested and directed