

Said bill was then returned to the Senate.

Mr. Beck, (the rules being suspended,) submitted the following preamble and order:

WHEREAS, There are various rumors in circulation seriously affecting the reputation of the Post Office department of this House, therefore be it

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be requested to investigate the same, and report what action, if any, is necessary.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Purnell moved that the House do now take a recess until 7½ o'clock, this P. M., and that bills entitled to a third reading be then considered.

On motion of Mr. Gorman,

A division of the question was ordered.

The question then recurring upon the first division thereof.

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the House at 3¼ o'clock, P. M., took a recess until 7½ o'clock this P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

MONDAY, March 28, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Latrobe, (Speaker,) Martin, Beck, Wilmer, Kilbourn, Wells, Owings, Duke, Mitchell, Chapman, Carroll-Cameron, Shipley, Gatch, Choate, Turner, Hammond, Hardcastle, of Talbot, Lankford, Harrington, Woolford, Meekins-Touchstone, Owens, Richards, Biddle, Marbury, Thomas, of Queen Anne's, Brown, Dennis, Purnell, Thomas, of Frederick, Bowlus, McCreery, Ritter, White, Harris, Ady, Baldwin, of Harford, Hopkins, Hardcastle, of Caroline, Garey, Sanner, Hamilton, Morse, Blake, Wilson, of Baltimore city, Wiley, McLane, Colton, Kirk, Collins, Ehlen, Gardner, Markland, Hoblitzell, Sword, Seibert, Hilton, Watkins, Kean, Wilson, of Allegany, Standish, Myers, Shower, Jordan, Crouse, Merrick, Gorman, Crawford, Gordy—71.

Mr. Gatch, Chairman of a Select Committee, (the rules being suspended,) to whom was referred the bill entitled a