

TUESDAY, March 29, 1870.

The House met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Edwards.

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

Messrs. Latrobe, (Speaker,) Loker, Martin, Beck, Wilmer, Kilbourn, Baldwin, of Anne Arundel, Wells, Owings, Duke, Mitchell, Chapman, Carroll, Cameron, Shipley, Gatch, Choate, Turner, Hammond, Hardcastle, of Talbot, Lankford, Harrington, Woolford, Meekins, Touchstone, Owens, Richards, Biddle, Marbury, Duvall, Thomas, of Queen Anne's, Brown, Dennis, Purnell, Thomas, of Frederick, Bowlus, McCreery, Ritter, White, Harris, Ady, Hopkins, Hardcastle, of Caroline, Garey, Sanner, Hamilton, Cooper, Morse, Blake, Webb, Wilson, of Baltimore city, Wiley, McLane, Colton, Kirk, Collins, Ehlen, Gardner, Markland, Marshall, Hoblitzell, Neill, Murdock, Sword, Seibert, Hilton, Watkins, Kean, Wilson, of Allegany, Standish, Myers, Percy, Shower, Jordan, Crouse, Merrick, Crawford, Gordy—78.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from N. H. Morrison, Esq., Provost of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, enclosing a communication from Dr. Wm. B. Carpenter, on the culture and preservation of the Oyster.

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Which were severally read and ordered to be printed.

Mr Harrington presented the petition of M. T. R. Fooks and others, of Dorchester county, praying a pension for Clement Hurley, a soldier of the war of 1812.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the following Joint Resolution, authorizing the State Librarian to subscribe for two hundred and fifty copies of Cohen & Campbell's Digest of the Decisions of the Court of Appeals: