

TUESDAY, January 30, 1872.

The House met, and

Was opened with prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Messrs. Gorman, (Speaker,) Colton, of St. Mary's, Dunbar, Wilmer, Hurtt, Wells, Henkle, Chapman, Stone, Shipley, Turner, Feard, of Balt. co., Litzinger, Spencer, Banks, Butler, Goldsborough, Roach, Waller, Dougherty, Smith, Vickers, Radcliffe, Mearns, Penington, Scott, Sasseer, Bowie, Eareckson, Ford, of Q. A., Franklin, Parker, Phillips, Rowe, Delaplane, Miller, Routzahn, Riley, Baldwin, Streett, Hardcastle, McCosker, Hamilton, T. H., Cooper, Hamilton, C. R., Jamart, Foster, Staylor, Stewart, Travers, Clark, of Balt. city, Colton, of Balt. city, Kirk, Chaisty, Harig, Feig, McColgan, Markland, Griswold, Young, of Wash. co., Arding, Newcomer, Whitson, Riggs, Clark, of Mont., Porter, Coles, Young, of Alle., Robinette, Steele, Lamotte, L. A. J., Lamotte, H. H., Linthicum, Johnson, Langrell—75.

The Speaker laid before the House the twenty-first annual report of the House of Refuge.

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Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Riley presented the petition of Aquila E. Mitchell and eighty-two other citizens of Harford county, in the neighborhood of Bush Run Neck, Michaelsville and Perrymansville, asking for a modification of the Ducking law.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

Mr. Litzinger presented the petition of Lemuel Garrett, soldier of the war of 1812, asking for pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Shipley presented the petition of Franklin Wilson, James A. Gary, J. S. Ridgley and fifteen other property-holders of Baltimore county, representing \$5,000,000 of property in Baltimore county, against any change in the present Mortgage law.

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