

FRIDAY, February 16, 1872.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Gorman, (Speaker,) Colton, of St. Mary's, Dunbar, Wilmer, Hurtt, Wells, Duvall, Henkle, Bond, Sparrow, Chapman, Stone, Shipley, Foard, of Baltimore county, Litzinger, Spencer, Banks, Butler, Goldsborough, Roach, Waller, Smith, Vickers, Radcliffe, Mearns, Sasser, Bowie, Eareckson, Franklin, Parker, Phillips, Rowe, Delaplane, Miller, Routsahn, Baldwin, Streett, Dewesse, Hamilton, T. H., Hamilton, C. R., Jamart, Stewart, Travers, Clark, of Baltimore city, Colton, of Baltimore city, Kirk, Chaisty, Harig, Feig, Markland, Griswold, Young, of Washington, Ardinger, Newcomer, Whitson, Hilton, Riggs, Clark, of Montgomery, Porter, Coles, Young, of Allegany, Robinette, Steele, Lamotte, L. A. J., Polk, Lamotte, H. H., Linthicum, Johnson, Langrell--69.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Foster, Hilton and Whitson a Committee, under the order as submitted by Mr. Foster on Thursday, the 8th instant, to whom all petitions in reference to local tariff on freight by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, shall be referred.

Mr. Kirk presented the petition of citizens of Baltimore in favor of abolishing convict labor.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Henry C. Woodland, and other citizens of Dorchester county, asking for an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Dorchester county to build a bridge over Fishing Creek, at a point known as Fishing Creek Ferry, in said county.

Which was read and referred to the Dorchester delegation.

Mr. Newcomer presented the petition of F. Wyand, P. D. Farney, Ezra Baker, and thirty-five others, asking for the passage of an Act to incorporate the town of Keedysville, Washington county.

Which was read and referred to the Washington delegation.