

THURSDAY, February 26th, 1874.

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

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

Messrs. Hines, (Speaker,) Bond, Colton, Merritt, Henkle, Robinson, Nutwell, Bird, Lancaster, Hawkins, Keech, Buchanan, Matthews, Merryman, Turner, of Baltimore county, Seth, Sudler, Coulbourn, Duer, Gordy, Hodson, Turner, of Cecil, Davis, Etchison, Latchford, Robey, Thompson, Kemp, Pruitt, Merrill, Koons, Miller, Nicodemus, Annan, Grafton, Lee, Riley, Dawson, Williams, McCosker, T. H. Hamilton, Cooper, C. R. Hamilton, McWilliams, Foster, Staylor, Stewart, of Baltimore city, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Loane, Greenfield, McColgan, Harig, Joyce, Groh, Fenton, Berry, Frenner, Grimes, Stake, Clark, Watkins, Fletchall, Wier, Wack, Park, Brace, Waters, Vanderford, Galt, Brown, Maclin, Stewart, of Howard, Leonard, Bedsworth, Glotfelty—77.

Mr. Joyce presented a communication from Clarence Peters, Colonel commanding 6th Regiment Infantry, M. N. G., extending an invitation to the members of the House to witness the Review of his Regiment by the Governor, on Wednesday next, March 4th, on the College Grounds, at Annapolis.

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Joyce,

The invitation accepted.

Mr. Weir presented the petition of two thousand one hundred citizens of Allegany county, against the passage of a Local Option Law.

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

Mr. Riley presented the petition of J. H. Miller and one hundred and twelve other citizens of Harford county, asking the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace of Harford county be extended to three hundred dollars.

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

Mr. Waters presented the petition of William R. Conway and eighteen citizens of Frederick county, Henry Dorsey and eleven citizens of Carroll county, to open a road in Frederick and Carroll counties, &c.