

TUESDAY, March 17th, 1874.

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

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

Messrs. Hines, (Speaker,) Colton, Merritt, Henkle, Robinson, Nutwell, Bird, Turner, of Calvert, Lancaster, Buchanan, Matthews, Merryman, Turner, of Baltimore county, Seth, Valliant, Sudler, Coulbourn, Duer, Gordy, Hodson, Mackey, Davis, Etchison, Latchford, Robey, Thompson, Kemp, Pruitt, Merrill, Koons, Miller, Nicodemus, Annan, Grafton, Lee, Riley, Dawson, McCosker, T. H. Hamilton, Cooper, C. R. Hamilton, McWilliams, Foster, Staylor, Stewart, of Baltimore city, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Loane, Greenfield, McColgan, Harig, Groh, Fenton, Berry, Freamer, Grimes, Clark, Watkins, Wier, Wack, Park, Brace, Waters, Vanderford, Galt, Brown, Maclin, Stewart, of Howard, Leonard, Bedsworth—72.

Mr. Watkins, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act making appropriation for the support of the State Government, for the year ending 31st of December, 1874.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of Dr. W. H. Decourcy and two hundred and fifty others, against exempting Queen Anne's county from the operation of the Dog Law.

Which was read and referred to the Queen Anne's delegation and Mr. Seth.

Mr. Nicodemus presented the petition of Mr. Appleman, of Frederick county, asking for the passage of a law to prevent lawyers from swindling the community.

Which was read and referred to the Frederick and Washington county delegations.

Mr. Koons presented the petition of Isaac Renner, Samuel D. Fox and William H. Martz, Trustees of Primary School District No. 104, of Election District No. 11, praying the passage of an Act authorizing them to sell and convey the school-house in said district.

Which was read and referred to the Frederick delegation.

Mr. Leonard presented the petition of citizens of Wicomico county, praying the passage of a law authorizing the County Commissioners to levy money to build a court-house and jail.