

MONDAY, March 23rd, 1874.

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

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

Messrs. Hines, (Speaker,) Colton, Henkle, Robinson, Turner, of Calvert, Lancaster, Hawkins, Keech, Merryman, Turner, of Balt. co., Seth, Valliant, Sudler, Duer, Johnson, Hodson, Turner, of Cecil, Latchford, Robey, Thompson, Kemp, Pruitt, Lamar, Annan, Lee, Williams, McCosker, T. H. Hamilton, Cooper, C. R. Hamilton, McWilliams, Staylor, Stewart, of Balt. city, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Leane, Greenfield, McColgan, Joyce, Groh, Fenton, Stake, Clark, Watkins, Fletchall, Park, Brace, Waters, Vanderford, Maclin, Bedsworth, Glotfelty—53.

The Speaker laid before the House the official returns of the special election held in Baltimore county, on the 18th instant, to elect a member of the House of Delegates, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Robert Fowler.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Hon. Andrew Banks, member elect from Baltimore county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. T. H. Hamilton presented the petition of A. J. Stewart and one hundred and twenty policemen, asking for increase of pay.

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore City delegation.

Mr. Merryman presented the petition of J. F. C. Talbot, Adam D. Talbot, Thomas D. Cockey, Jr., and eight other relatives of Penelope D. Gist, against the transfer of a certain grave-yard in Baltimore county.

Mr. Stake submitted the order:

In the year 1768, the Commissioners appointed to mark the boundary line between the Provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania, (the line now known as Mason and Dixon's line,) in executing their commission, did set up and erect stone monuments, for the distance of one hundred and thirty-two miles west from the place of beginning. The beginning was at the eastern extremity of boundary line, and from thence the Commissioners proceeded with the erection of these stone monuments a due west course until they reached the