

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Schlaffer be excused from this morning's and to-night's session.

On motion of Mr. Cornthwaite, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Gill be excused from attending to-day's session on account of important business.

Mr. Stearns submitted the following order, viz :

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee on Claims be and he is hereby directed to order a book of blank certificates, and draw order for the payment of same on its completion.

Which was adopted by yeas and nays, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, Combs, Garner, Strong, Wilson, Brashears, Donaldson, Hutchins, Sappington, of Anne Arundel, Lane, Carrico, Orrick, Cole, Elliott, Hamilton, Jr., Monmonier, Collins, Wooters, Leonard, Green, Anderson, Sterling, Meredith, Smith, of Dorchester, Beeks, Grove, of Cecil, Hill, Perrie, Bryan, Wallen, Franklin, Wilkinson, Hayman, Gaver Grove, of Frederick, Sappington, of Frederick, Bevard, Hayward, Stearns, Johnson, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Brennan, Fox, Carter, Field, Bowie, of Baltimore city, Gill, Sanders, Frincke, Carr, Cornthwaite, Smith, of Washington, Fockler, Shafer, Garrott, Laird, Buckey, Young, Hosken, Sr., Stottlemeyer, Haines, Sellman, Berret, Leeds, Tracey, Haslup, Ellegood, Laws, Moore, Bittinger, Michaels—72.

NEGATIVE—None.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald,

The House took a recess until 9 P. M., to allow addresses of Messrs. Wicks, Legg and Haddaway, in opposition to leasing oyster grounds in Eastern Bay.

The House resumed business at 9 P. M.

#### PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition from Jas. Daniels and other citizens of Somerset county, asking for a law to prohibit non-residents from scraping for crabs in the waters of said county and to require a license for same by citizens of said county.

Which was read, and referred to the Somerset County Delegation.