

simmons, Green, Stevenson, Collins, Dodson, Jackson, Milbourne, Miles, Riggan, Hopkins, Murphy, of Dorchester, Keys, Ray, Wells, Walls, Butler, Wilson, Dennis, Kirbin, Crawford, Harrison, Harry, Smith, Carroll, McComas, Goslin, Willey, Bosse, Lipman, Norris, Hall, Murphy, of Baltimore city, Orem, Roth, Dawkins, Durham, Grant, Linthicum, Moore, Godwin, Lock, Miller, Pairo, Baker, Charles, Mitchell, Tennant, Amiss, Johnston, Lansdale, Williams, Feaga, Loar, Stump, Jenkins, Haines, Kain, Oursler, Gill, Pearre, Bennett, Harvey, Howard—72.

The Journal of March 4th was read and approved.

#### PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS.

Mr. Dodson presented petition of William B. Newman and 76 other citizens of Talbot county, protesting against the enactment of the Haman Oyster bill.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries.

To the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland:

As representing both branches of the Religious Society of Friends in Maryland, we desire to make an earnest protest against the enactment into law of two bills now before the Maryland Legislature; the one requiring separate accommodations for the races in public conveyances, and the other restricting the suffrage in the State.

Upon many occasions in the past, members of the Society of Friends have felt it right to assist the colored people, endeavoring always to improve their condition physically and to elevate their mental and moral standards.

In the present crisis, we feel that a great mistake is about to be made in the proposed legislation, which in our judgment will push the colored man back towards barbarism, and at the same time injure the whites by causing the latter to become the active instruments of injustice.

The former bill, by excluding the colored people from the public conveyances occupied by the whites, brands them as inferior and unworthy to mingle with