

WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 1876.

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

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

Messrs. Smith, (Speaker,) Dunbar, Mattingly, Boyer, Usilton, Hodges, Robinson, Rullman, Bird, Lancaster, Hooper, Baldwin, Whitelock, Curtis, Smith, of Baltimore county, Given, Fitzjarrell, Dodson, Lankford, Gunby, Ford, Lambdin, Waters, of Dor., Briscoe, Constable, Ward, Snowden, Hance, Cockey, Neal, Purnell, Riggs, Hinks, Naill, Koons, Rutledge, Boyle, Vandiver, Culbreth, Goldsborough, Rusk, Berkemeier, Lewis, McWilliams, Hoblitzell, McGlone, Coburn, Stewart, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Loane, Chaisty, Hess, Harig, Albaugh, Sanders, Fenton, Scott, Farrow, Ranger, Jones, Canby, Griffith, Rawlings, Atkinson, Sprigg, Brooke, Rinehart, Lamotte, Waters, of Car'l., Donaldson, Clark, Dashiell, Gordy, Barnard, Browning—77.

Mr. Smith, of Balto. co., presented the petition of 30 citizens of Baltimore county, asking a change in the law relative to the appointment of School Commissioners.

Also, the petition of other citizens of Baltimore county on the same subject.

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Rinehart presented the petition of Elias F. Valentine, Jacob Frock, Thomas F. Cover, and 55 other citizens of Carroll and Frederick counties, against the passage of any law prohibiting tax payers from fishing in the waters of Monocacy and Double Pipe Creek.

Which was read and referred to the Carroll and Frederick delegations.

Mr. Boyle presented the petition of John D. Alderson and others of Harford county, praying that a change may be made in the Constitution of this State, so as to permit a capitation tax, and that School Commissioners be elected by the people.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Chaisty presented the petition from citizens of Baltimore relative to the reduction of the rates of interest for money, leaving the rate of interest at 6 per cent. in the absence of a special contract.