

SATURDAY, January 26th, 1856.

House met pursuant to adjournment. Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Speaker, Dorsey, Neff, Waters, Merrick, Holland, Chilcoat, Rankin, Wright, Cullings, Toadvine, Lawson, Wilson, of Somerset, Daniel, Frazier, Thomas, Brooke, Bowling, Bowie, Goldsborough, Parker, Timmons, Smith, of Worcester, Brengle, Davis, Carper, Grove, Wolfe, Duvall, Silver, Whitby, Stack, Partridge, Smith, of Baltimore city, Abbott, Valiant, Lester, Hugg, Askew, Harrington, Fiery, Witmer, Loughridge, Corby, Harding, Hall, Wickes, Buffington, Stewart, Rowles.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Wickes presented a petition from A. L. Withers and 80 others of the town of Cumberland, praying that the corporate authorities of said town may not be authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of the Connellsville Rail Road, or to issue the bonds of said town in payment of said stock.

Which was read and referred to the Allegany county delegation.

Mr. Harding presented a petition of Mahala Jones, a free woman of color, to return to the State of Maryland;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following rule, which was read and adopted:

It shall not be in order to take up for consideration upon the second or third reading any bill or joint resolution, before the same shall have been printed and laid upon the desks of the several members of the House.

Mr. Wickes presented a petition from George Dencen of Allegany county, praying for relief therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Brengle presented a petition signed by 46 citizens of Frederick county, protesting against the passage of a law increasing the per diem of the Judges of the Orphans' Court of said county.

Which was read and referred to the Frederick county delegation.

Also a petition from sundry citizens of Frederick county praying the passage of an act to provide for a uniform system of registration of births, marriages and deaths in this State;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.