

The Preamble and Resolutions were then read the second time, and adopted.

The Speaker announced the following committee in pursuance of the order offered to-day by Mr. Davis, in reference to the expediency of a Prohibitory Law, viz :

*Messrs. Davis, Stone, Plowden, Griffith, Dorsey, Wilson, of Calvert, Chilcoat, Roberts, Toadvine, Dail, Stubbs, Bowie, Rolph, Timmons, Duvall, Stack, Hugg, Loughridge, Hall, Tower, Smith of Carroll, and Stewart.

On motion of Mr. Rankin, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1856.

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

Messrs. Speaker, Griffith, Dorsey, Neff, Waters, Wilson, of Calvert, Dowell, Stone, Chilcoat, Rankin, Wright, Cullings, Heath, Roberts, Toadvine, Lawson, Wilson, of Somerset, Thomas, Goldsborough, Parker, Timmons, Smith, of Worcester, Brengle, Davis, Carper, Grove, Hauver, Wolfe, Silver, Whitby, Stack, Kennedy, Partridge, Smith, of Balt. city, Abbott, Hugg, Askew, Harrington, Fiery, Witmer, Reichard, Loughridge, Corby, Hardiug, Tower, Kildow, Frey, Smith, of Carroll, Buffington, Stewart.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Fiery presented the petition of Jervis Spencer to be compensated for legal service rendered the State.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dorsey presented the petition of Henry Moore, administrator of George Moore, deceased, asking payment of certain special drafts of the State of Maryland, held by him as administrator of his father; said drafts bearing date 1774 and 1775, and amounting to one thousand dollars.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Speaker presented the petition of the Board of Trade of the City of Baltimore, asking a repeal of the Stamp Act.