

WEDNESDAY, January 4th, 1843.

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

Messrs. Causin, Thomas, Key, Sutton, Raisn, Edes, Dorsey, Hammond, Allnut, Weems, Morsell, Freeman, Walker, Risteau, Randall, Hall, Sherwood of Talbot, Bowdle, Handy of Somerset, Fleming, Langford, Rider, Phelps, Traverse, Green, Lackland, Simpser, Janney, Crookshanks, Semmes, Hamilton, Clements, Dunbracco, Roberts, Holland, Hearn, Taylor, Handy of Worcester, Richardson, Lynch, McKeehan, Crampton, Yellott, Hopkins, Jarrett, Sherwood of Caroline, Thawley, Nicols, Springer, Graves, Gallagher, Starr, Spence, Nesbit, Grove, Weber, Harne, Boteler, Griffith, Dade, Kilgour, Worthington, Buskirk, Pickell, Neff, Brown, Shaw, Powder, Lecompte of Carroll and Mr. Speaker.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

The Speaker laid before the House the reports of the clerks of the Montgomery county court, of Baltimore county court and of St. Mary's county court, in relation to the attendance of judges; Severally read, and

Referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Also, the reports of the clerks of St. Mary's county court, of Baltimore county court, of Baltimore city court and of John Waring, inspector of tobacco at warehouse No. 1, shewing the amount of money paid by them into the Treasury;

Severally read, and

Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

And the report of William Miller, in relation to the inspection of hydes, &c.

Read and referred to the committee on Inspections.

Mr. Powder presented the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county, praying a repeal of the direct tax law;

Read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Springer presented the petition of William Reitz and others, praying to be incorporated under the title of the German Sailors Beneficial Society;

Read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Key presented the petition of Zachariah Spalding of St. Mary's county;

Read and referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means inquire into the expediency of raising revenue on estates sold under orders of Chancery, by appointing permanent trustees, one in Baltimore city and one in each county in the State, whose duty shall be to sell such estates, and receive for compensation a part of the commissions arising on the sales thereof, the balance to be paid into the Treasury of the Western Shore.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,