

Read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Geyer,
Ordered to be printed.

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The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 2d, 1842.

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

Messrs. Sutton of St. Mary's, Hopewell, R. M. Gale, J. H. Gale, Sutton of Kent, Owens of Anne Arundel, Sellman, Hammond, Duke, Laveille, Crain, Brent, Walker, Risteau, Poultney, Randall, Willis, Lowe, Handy, Dashiell, Stone, Boggs, Eccleston, Nicols of Dorchester, Traverse, Richardson, Knight, Forwood, Bayne, Tuck, Maccubbin, Hamilton, Bryan, Dennis, Powell, Cathell, Forman, Simmons, Staley, Sutton of Harford, Hope, Johns, Bouldin, Graves, Starr, Spencer, Hollman, Darby, Braddock, Gott, Gittings, Buchanan, Shaw, Davis, Boyle, Stull and Mr. Speaker.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, a supplement to an act relating to the importation of passengers, passed December session 1432, ch. 303;

Was sent to the Senate.

Mr. Forwood presented the memorial of the assessors of Cecil county, praying for the passage of a law fixing their per diem compensation for valuing and assessing the property in Cecil county;

Read and referred to Messrs. Forwood, Owens of Cecil and Knight.

Mr. Simmons presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the passage of an act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks in election districts and wards where a majority of the voters are opposed to it;

Read and referred to the committee on Crimes and Punishments.

Mr. Sellman presented the petition of sundry citizens of Howard District and Carroll county, praying for the opening of a road therein mentioned;

Read and referred to Messrs. Sellman, Davis, Hammond, Boyle and Dorsey.

Mr. Bayne presented the petition of Thomas C. Lyles and thirty-three other citizens of Prince George's county, praying for the passage of a law for the protection of water fowl on the Potomac river;

Read and referred to Messrs. Bayne, Tuck, Hamilton and Maccubbin.

Mr. Gallagher presented the petitions of Mary Nugent and of Mary Acort of the city of Baltimore, severally praying for acts of divorce;