

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on assenting to the amendment proposed by Mr. Owens of Anne Arundel, and

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Nicols of Caroline,

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On motion of Mr. Powell,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 24th, 1842.

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

Messrs. Sutton of Saint Mary's, Hopewell, R. M. Gale, J. H. Gale, Sutton of Kent, Owens of Anne Arundel, Sellman, Hammond, Laveille, Crain, Matthews, Sherwood, Lowe, Handy, Stone, Boggs, Nicols of Dorchester, Traverse, Richardson of Dorchester, Owens of Cecil, Bryan, Newnam, Powell, Cathell, Forman, Simmons, Staley, Hope, Johns, Bouldin, Nicols of Caroline, Culbreth, Gallagher, Richardson of Baltimore, Grove, Spencer, Hollman, Darby, Braddock, Gott, Gittings, Buchanan, Shaw, Stull and Mr. Speaker.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Richardson of Baltimore presented the petitions of sundry members of Gratitude Lodge No. 5, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, praying for an act of incorporation;

Read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Owens of Cecil presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying the passage of a law prohibiting the staking of nets in the head waters of the Chesapeake bay, and for other purposes;

Read and referred to the select committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Hope presented the petition of a number of the citizens of Harford county, stating that they believe the direct tax law, unjust, unconstitutional and oppressive, that they have always been opposed to the making of internal improvements at public expense, and ought not to be taxed to pay the interest thus incurred, and praying the repeal of the direct tax law, and that the Legislature may pass a law transferring the State's interest in the public works into the hands of trustees for the benefit of the creditors of the State;

Read and referred to the select committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Sutton of Saint Mary's presented the petition of Edward Paul Plater, praying payment of balance due for a horse killed in service during the late war;