

SATURDAY EVENING, March 5th, 1842.

*Half past three o'clock.*

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

Messrs. Causin, Hopewell, R. M. Gale, J. H. Gale, Sutton of Kent, Owens of Anne Arundel, Matthews, Risteau, Poultney, Hook, Willis, Sherwood, Handy, Stone, Eccleston, Forwood, Owens of Cecil, Bayne, Maccubbin, Hamilton, Bryan, Newnam, Cathell, Simmons, Staley, Geyer, Hope, Johns, Nicols of Caroline, Culbreth, Downs, Gallagher, Graves, Grove, Braddock, Gott, Buskirk, Buchanan, Shaw and Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Owens of Anne Arundel submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on Claims be instructed to inquire into the propriety of purchasing from Mr. D. McCurdy, nine hundred copies of a pamphlet, the title of which is "An essay on the means and importance of introducing the natural sciences into the family library, and diffusing the elements of geometry into the plan of the popular education," a copy of which was laid on the desks of members on yesterday, for distribution ;

Which was read.

On the question being put,

Will the House adopt the said order?

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Buskirk submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the bill to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland be the order of the day for Monday next at half past three o'clock, and have precedence of all other business ;

Which was read.

Mr. Gallagher then moved to amend said order by adding thereto the following :

"Except the bill to provide for the resumption of specie payments by the banks ;"

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on assenting to the said order ;

Mr. Carmichael then moved the previous question, and the same being demanded by a majority of the members present ;

The main question was then put,

Will the House assent to the said order?

Determined in the affirmative.

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Hopewell presented the petition of sundry citizens of the Methodist Episcopal Church of St. Mary's county, praying that the resolutions of the late Slaveholders' Convention against such meetings of the colored people at night as are of a decidedly religious character, may not become a law ;

Read and referred to consideration of the Senate.