

TUESDAY, January 4th, 1842.

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

Messrs. Causin, Sutton of St. Mary's, Hopewell, R. M. Gale, Owens of Anne Arundel, Sellman, Hammond, Morsell, Duke, Laveille, Crain, Matthews, Walker, Risteau, Hook, Randall, Willis, Sherwood, Handy, Dashiell, Stone, Boggs, Eccleston, Nicols of Dorchester, Traverse, Richardson, Knight, Forwood, Owens of Cecil, Bayne, Maccubbin, Hamilton, Johnson, Bryan, Powell, Cathell, Forman, Simmons, Staley, Geyer, Biser, Schley, Sutton of Harford, Hope, Johns, Bouldin, Nicols of Caroline, Culbreth, Downs, Gallagher, Graves, Starr, Grove, Spencer, Darby, Brad-dock, Gott, Gittings, Buskirk, Buchanan, Shaw, Powder, Davis, Boyle.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Graves presented the petition of Charles F. Mayer and others, managers of the house of refuge, for authority to return to the contributors the monies subscribed by them to that under-taking ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Graves, Gallagher, Starr and Pressman.

Mr. Hope presented the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying the passage of an act allowing the commissioners of tax of said county mileage ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Hope, Sutton of Harford, Bouldin and Johns.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Gallagher, Graves, Walker, Risteau and Hook to bring in a bill to extend the time for taking the bond of William D. Ball, sheriff of Baltimore county.

On motion of Mr. Sellman,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Sellman, Hammond, Owens of Anne Arundel and Dorsey to bring in a bill to amend section sixty-one of an act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of this State.

On motion of Mr. Owens of Anne Arundel,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the propriety of imposing a graduated tax upon all "income," other than that taxed by the act of the second session of 1840, chapter 23; also, a tax upon all theatres, museums, circus, races, public concerts and balls, or masquerades; on all travelling caravans, jugglers and practicers of legerdemain, and upon all public exhibitions, the object of which is income; as also, to inquire into the propriety of increasing the price now paid for licenses to auctioneers, brokers, lottery dealers, hawkers and pedlars, traders, billiard tables and keepers of ordinaries; also, the per centum now paid upon goods sold at auction; as also, the imposing a tax or license on commission merchants—and to report by bill or otherwise.