

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 9th, 1842.

*Half past three o'clock.*

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

Messrs. R. M. Gale, J. H. Gale, Sutton of Kent, Owens of Anne Arundel, Sellman, Morsell, Duke, Laveille, Risteau, Willis, Lowe, Handy, Dashiell, Stone, Eccleston, Nicols of Dorchester, Traverse, Richardson of Dorchester, Knight, Forwood, Owens of Cecil, Tuck, Maccubbin, Hamilton, Johnson, Carmichael, Bryan, Newnam, Dennis, Cathell, Simmons, Staley, Geyer, Sutton of Harford, Hope, Nicols of Caroline, Culbreth, Downs, Graves, Presstman, Richardson of Baltimore, Grove, Hollman, Darby, Braddock, Gott, Gittings, Buskirk, Buchanan, Shaw, Stull and Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Presstman reported a bill entitled, an act relating to the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes ;

Read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Grove presented the petition of fifty-nine citizens of Washington county, praying a ratification of a purchase made by the commissioners of Washington county of a farm for the paupers of said county ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Grove, Hollman, Spencer and Lyday.

On motion of Mr. Forwood,

The House took up the bill entitled, an act to protect the rights of floating batteries at the head of the Chesapeake Bay ;

Read the second time by special order.

Mr. Owens of Cecil moved to amend said bill by striking out the words "usual haul of" in the 5th line of the 1st section ;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the passage of the said bill ;

On motion of Mr. Sutton of Harford,

The 4th section of said bill was reconsidered for the purpose of amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sutton of Harford,

The said section was amended by striking out in the 6th line the words "a quarter of a mile" and inserting "two hundred yards."

The question then recurred on the passage of the said bill ;

And on being put,

It was passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Tuck submitted the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,*

*March 9th, 1842.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose to close the present session to-morrow at 12 o'clock,