

THURSDAY, February 1st, 1844.

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

Messrs. Casin, Hopewell, Tilden, Hollyday, Murray, Thomas, of Anne Arundel, Johnson, Warfield, Alnutt, Weems, Dalrymple, Reeder, Walker, Carroll, jr., Welsh, Poultney, Bowdle, Arringdale, Thomas, of Talbot, Lankford, Waters of Somerset, Philips, Dennis, Dail, Chaplain, Cropper, Owen, Calvert, Wootten, Semmes, Ghiselin, Harrison, Temples, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Franklin, Cathell, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Naill, Shriver, Polk, Yellott, Hopkins, Stephenson, Potter, McKnett, Curley, Carey, Stansbury jr., of Baltimore city, Mann, Weber, Boteler, Wade, Hollman, Trundle, Kilgour, Waters, of Montgomery, Hammill, Fitzpatrick, Ecker, Stull and Powder.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Dalrymple presented the report of the trustees of Lower Marlbro' Academy;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Shriver presented the memorial of David Schindler, Lewis Beachtol, Samuel Yaste, and forty six other citizens of Middletown and its vicinity in Frederick county, praying for the passage of a law making "incest" a Penitentiary offence;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Shriver,

Referred to the select committee appointed on a leave to bring in a bill to make "seduction," a criminal offence.

Mr. Semmes presented the petition of sundry citizens of Prince George's county, praying the repeal of the act of Assembly, passed at December session 1816, chapter 129, so far as requires sheriffs and constables, to advertise sales of land and negroes in the newspapers;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, Wootten, Calvert and Ghiselin.

Mr. Naill presented the petition of sundry citizens of Middletown in Frederick county, praying the passage of a law against incestuous connexions;

Which was read and referred to the committee already raised on "seduction."

Mr. Hopkins presented the petition of Samuel Forsyth, and sundry other citizens of Harford county, praying for the passage of a law, to protect the fisheries on the Chesapeake bay, and its head waters;

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Temples presented the petition of forty-two citizens, of Queen Anne's and Caroline counties, praying for a law, to alter and change the name of Bullock town, to that of Templeville:

Which was read and referred to the delegations from Queen Anne's and Caroline counties.