

MONDAY, February 5th, 1844.

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

Messrs. Thomas, of St. Mary's, Hopewell, Spencer, Tilden, Hollyday, Thomas, of Anne Arundel, Ligon, Johnson, Warfield, Allnut, Dalymple, Chapman, Reeder, Freeman, Walker, Carroll, jr. Welsh, Poultney, Bowdle, Thomas, of Talbot, Lankford, Waters of Somerset, Philips, Dennis, Stewart, Dail, Phelps, Chaplain, Lackland, Cropper, Owen, Harris, Calvert, Wootten, Semmes, Ghiselin, Temples, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Franklin, Cathell, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Nail, Shriver, Polk, Yellott, Hopkins, McKnett, Curley, Levering, Carey, Stansbury, jr. of Baltimore city, Mann, Weber, Boteler, Wade, Holman, Trundle, Kilgour, Griffith, Waters, of Montgomery, McKaig, Hammill, Smith, Fitzpatrick, Ecker, Shaw, Stull and Powder.

The journal of Saturday was read.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of William C. Norris, of the city of Baltimore, and

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Philip Clayton, collector of taxes, for the city of Annapolis ;

Were sent to the Senate.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of Job H. Jackson, and one hundred and eleven other citizens of Cecil county, praying the passage of a law, for the protection of fish in the Chesapeake bay, and for other purposes ;

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

Mr. Lynch presented the memorial of forty-two citizens of Frederick county, praying an alteration in the license law, in regard to hawkers and pedlars ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Ligon presented the petition of ninety-one citizens of Howard District, in Anne Arundel county, asking for a change of the law relating to the school fund of said district, and praying the passage of a law establishing a uniform system for the whole district ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Ligon, Thomas, of Anne Arundel and Warfield.

Mr. Hopewell presented the petition of sundry citizens of Saint Mary's county, praying an alteration in the mode of electing commissioners of said county ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Hopewell, Thomas, of Saint Mary's and Causin.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Jacob Mosser, William Frantz, and sundry other citizens of district No. 2, in Allegany county, praying for the passage of a fence law for said district ;