

Resolved, That the members of this House have heard with deep distress, the melancholy information, that the Hon. Abel P. Upsher, Secretary of the Navy, the Hon. Thomas W. Gilmer, Secretary of War, and other eminent and distinguished citizens, have been suddenly killed and wounded by the accidental explosion of a gun at Washington, and being profoundly impressed with the magnitude of the loss which the country has sustained by this afflicting dispensation of Providence, and sincerely sympathising with the families and friends of the sufferers, as a testimony of the profound grief with which the intelligence has impressed them, do now adjourn until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

And the House accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

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FRIDAY, March 1st, 1844.

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

Messrs. Spencer, Tilden, Hollyday, Thomas of A. A. Warfield, Alnutt, Weems, Dalrymple, Stansbury, of Baltimore county, Bowdle, Arringdale, Lankford, Waters of Somerset, Philips, Stewart, Chaplain, Lackland, Cropper, Owen, Harris, Calvert, Semmes, Harrison, Temples, Earickson, Hearn, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Nail, Shriver, Polk, Hopkins, Potter, McKnett, Keene, Curley, Carey, Stansbury, jr., of Baltimore city, Mann, Weber, Boteler, Wade, Hollman, Trundle, Griffith, McKaig, Hammill, Smith, Fitzpatrick, Ecker, Shaw, Stull and Powder.

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying the passage of a law to prevent the sale of spiritous liquors within three miles of Mount Savage Iron Work, in said county;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Smith, Hammill, Fitzpatrick and McKaig.

Mr. McKaig presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Mineral Bank of Maryland, praying a reduction of the amount of the annual bonus to be paid to the school fund;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. McKnett presented the petition of sundry citizens of the upper district of Caroline county, praying a repeal of so much of the law as taxes the free negroes for the support of primary schools in the upper district of Caroline county;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. McKnett, Potter and Keene.