

WEDNESDAY, December 27th, 1843.

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

Messrs. Causin, Thomas of St. Mary's, Hopewell, Spencer, Tilden, Hollyday, Murray, Warfield, Alnutt, Weems, Chapman, Reeder, Freeman, Walker, Carroll, Stansbury of Balt. Co., Welsh, Poultney, Bowdle, Thomas of Talbot, Lankford, Waters of Somerset, Philips, Stewart, Dail, Phelps, Lackland, Cropper, Harris, Semmes, Ghieslin, Harrison, Temples, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Franklin, Cathell, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas of Frederick, Nail, Shriver, Polk, Yellott, Hopkins, Stephenson, Potter, McNett, Keene, Curley, Levering, Carey, Stansbury of Balt. city, Mann, Weber, Boteler, Hollman, Trundle, Kilgore, Griffith, Waters of Montgomery, McKaig, Hammill, Smith, Fitzpatrick, Stull, Powder.

Philip Francis Thomas, Esq., a delegate returned from Talbot county, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

The Proceedings of Monday and Tuesday were read.

The Speaker laid before the House reports from the clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore, and reports from the clerks of Frederick, Allegany, Caroline, Queen Ann's, Carroll and Montgomery counties, relative to the attendance of judges ;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, hereafter to be appointed.

Also, reports from the clerks of Frederick, Allegany, Queen Ann's, Caroline and Montgomery counties, and the Register of the Land Office, relative to the several sums of money paid by them into the treasury of the State, within the year ending on the 30th of November, eighteen hundred and forty-three ;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of the Grand Jury of October term, eighteen hundred and forty-three, of Caroline county court, praying the repeal of a law passed in the year eighteen hundred, chapter twenty-one, for the preservation of the breed of fish in the Great Choptank river ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Potter, McNett, Keene, Stewart, Dale and Phelps.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Margaret Staples, widow of John Staples, a soldier of the Revolution, praying for a pension ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hopkins presented the petition of Robert Evans and other justices of the peace of Harford county, relative to magistrates fees ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

The Speaker laid before the House a memorial of J. P. Wolfe, of Pennsylvania, asking compensation for services in arresting Adam Hellman or Horn ;