

THURSDAY, January 11th, 1844.

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, Thomas of Anne Arundel, Ligon, Johnson, Warfield, Alnutt, Weems, Dalrymple, Chapman, Reeder, Freeman, Walker, Carroll, jr., Stansbury of Baltimore county, Welsh, Poultney, Bowdle, Arringdale, Thomas, of Talbot, Lankford, Waters, of Somerset, Philips, Dennis, Stewart, Dail, Phelps, Lackland, Cropper, Owen, Harris, Calvert, Semmes, Ghiselun, Harrison, Temples, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Franklin, Cathell, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Nail, Shriver, Polk, Yellott, Hopkins, Stephenson, Potter, McKnett, Keene, Curley, Levering, Carey, Stansbury, jr. of Baltimore city, Mann, Weber, Boteler, Wade, Hollman, Trundle, Kilgour, Griffith, Waters, of Montgomery, McKaig, Hammill, Smith Fitzpatrick, Ecker, Shaw, Stull and Powder.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The Speaker laid before the House a list of fines and forfeitures in Saint Mary's county court at March and August terms 1843; Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Speaker also, laid before the House a communication from James Hall, general agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society, in obedience to an order of the House of the 2nd inst., enclosing a detailed statement of the affairs and operations of the society since its operation;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population, and

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McKaig presented the petitions of Joseph Dilley, S. Alexander Lackey, Thomas M. Porter, and two hundred and sixty three other citizens of Allegany county, praying for a repeal of the provisions of the act of 1842, ch. 81, relative to the reduction of tolls on coal hauling on the National road, the reduction of the superintendent's salary, the prohibition of the employment of his teams on the road, and as to his competency and faithful discharge of the duties of his trust;

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

Mr. Ecker presented the petition of one hundred and three citizens of Carroll county, recommending the sale of the public works, a reduction of the direct tax, a rigid system of retrenchment, biennial sessions of the legislature, abolishing the High Court of Chancery, and a reduction of the salaries of all officers, &c.