

WEDNESDAY, February 19th, 1845.

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

Messrs. Potter, (Speaker, pro. tem.) Ford, of St. Mary's, Thomas, Hopewell, Tilden, Hollyday, of Kent, Spencer, Stewart, Worthington, of A. A., Lynch, Johnson, of A. A. Kent, Hance, Morsell, Hellen, Freeman, Walker, Stansbury, of Baltimore co., Randall, Worthington, of Baltimore county, Ware, Harrington, Bowdle, Goldsborough, Long, Phillips, Lankford, Williams, of Somerset, Muse, Frazier, Keene, Tall, Bouchell, Hollyday of Cecil, Maffitt, Harris, Calvert, Ghiselin, Sprigg, of P. G., Bowie, Harrison, Ford, of Q. A., Henry, Purnell, Lamden, Fooks, Shriver, Johnson, of F., Poole, Buckey, Polk, Archer, Amos, Yellott, McKnett, Jump, Stansbury, of Balt. city, Williams, of Balt. city, Springer, Graves, Gallagher, Clarke, Boteler, Motter, Hart, Fletcher, Howard, Waters, Patterson, Kilgour, Sprigg, of Alleghany, Hammill, Neff, Fitzpatrick, Raymond, Ebaugh, Thomson, and Rogers.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from C. Glen Peebles, Esq. of Philadelphia, in relation to a plan perfected and secured to himself by patent for the same, by which the yeas and nays upon all questions submitted in all deliberative assemblages, may be simultaneously taken, recorded, and placed within view of each member, opposite their respective names, within a space of one minute ;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sprigg, of Prince George's, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Prince George's county, praying the legislature to pass a law imposing a tax upon free negro mechanics in said county ;

Which was read and referred to the Prince George's county delegation.

Mr. Tilden presented the memorial of sixty-two citizens of Chestertown, Kent county, remonstrating against the passage of an act prohibiting the keeping of hogs in sties and pens in the said town ;

Which was read and referred to the Kent county delegation.

Mr. Johnson, of Anne Arundel, presented the memorial of the President and Directors of the Franklin Bank of Baltimore, praying to be refunded certain taxes paid by them on the stock of said bank in the year 1844 ;

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

Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil, presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying the passage of an act authorising the county commissioners of said county, to levy a sum of money