

MONDAY, December 23rd, 1861.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Patterson, Chaplain of the Senate.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Berry, Sp'k, Dent, Walton, Bond, Magruder, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Carroll, Leckie, Creswell, McIntire, Morton, Duvall, Bowie, Kemp, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, Dove, Hardcastle, Warner, Wolf, Stockdale, Christopher, Reese, Hugg, Taylor, Alexander, Mathews; Pearson, Rohrer, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, and Donaldson.

The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Jerome was detained from the House of Delegates by severe indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

Leave was granted Messrs. Donaldson, Given and Creswell, to introduce a bill to amend the law in relation to holding elections in the several counties in this State, and to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors at or near the polls on the day of election.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the bill entitled, An act to increase the number of constables and justices of the peace in Kent county ;

Endorsed, "rejected."

On motion of Mr. White,

Mr. Harrison was excused from further attendance during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Reese,

Ordered, That the chairman of the committee on Claims be and he is hereby authorized to issue his certificate for fifty dollars to Rev. Mr. Davenport, for his services as chaplain during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

The rules were suspended, and

Leave was granted a special committee, composed of Messrs. Alexander, Price, Donaldson, Johnson, of Baltimore county, and Creswell, to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to amend article 43 of the Code of Public General Laws.