

THURSDAY, January 16th, 1862.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r, Dent, Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Nutwell, Bond, Magruder, Carrico, Jerome, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Wright, Turner, Carroll, Leckie, Creswell, McIntire, Morton, Bowie, Sr., Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Smith, Duncan, Purnell, Coale, Buhrman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, McCoy, Dove, Hardcastle, Willis, Warner, Wolf, Stockdale, Christopher, Reese, Hugg, Taylor, Mathews, Pearson, Findlay, Herbert, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Little, Everhart, Waters and Donaldson.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Buhrman presented the petition of Henry Harbaugh and others to change the place of holding elections in the 10th district of Frederick county;

Which was read and referred to the Frederick county delegation.

Mr. Purnell presented the petition of B. Everett Smith, Editor of the "Worcester county Shield," praying compensation for publishing the proclamations of ex-Gov. T. H. Hicks, as per account annexed;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Thomas H. Harris, of Kent county, for the passage of a law to make valid a deed from Susan E. B. Yates to Thomas H. Harris;

Which was read and referred to the Kent county delegation.

Mr. Dunbar presented the petition of Samuel Maynard and family (colored,) praying for the passage of a law allowing them to return to the State of Maryland;

Which was read and referred to the Anne Arundel county delegation.

Mr. Reese presented the petition of George H. Dutton, ex-sheriff of Baltimore city, for the passage of a law authorising the city of Baltimore to pay him certain expenses incurred in furnishing the several courts of Baltimore city with deputy sheriffs;

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore city delegation.