

MONDAY, January 20th, 1862.

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'r., Dent, Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Bond, Magruder, Carrico, Johnson, of Baltimore co., Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Wright, Turner, Leckie, McIntire, Morton, Bowie, Sr., Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Duncan, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Burhman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, McCoy, Dove, Hardcastle, Willis, Price, Warner, Wolf, Christopher, Reese, Taylor, Alexander, Mathews, Pearson, Findlay, Herbert, Rohrer, Davis, of Montgomery, Lowe, Little, Hammond, of Howard, and Donaldson.

The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Pearson presented the petition of Jacob Mentzer and ninety-five other citizens of Washington county, praying the non-extension of the stay law;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gunby presented the petition of Harvey F. Johnson, of Somerset county, praying payment of a claim therein set forth;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Price presented the memorial of Thomas B. Gaither, praying the payment of a claim against the State;

Also,

The memorial of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, praying payment of claims for advances to pay State troops watching road bridges;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary enquire into the expediency of encouraging the publication of a Digest of the Decisions construing the Statutes of Maryland, by Charles F. Mayer and Lewis Mayer, by a subscription on the part of the State for a limited number thereof, and that the said committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Montgomery,

Leave was granted a select committee, composed of Messrs.