

WEDNESDAY, December 11th, 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., Harris, of St. Mary's. Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Nutwell, Magruder, Davis, of Charles, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Turner, Phelps, Leckie, Creswell, McIntire. Morton, Bowie, Sr., Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Smith, Duncan, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Coale, Buhrman, Johnson, of Frederick, McCoy, Dove, Hardcastle, Willis, Price, Warner, Wolf, Stockdale, Christopher, Reese, Hugg, Taylor, Matthews, Pearson, Findlay, Herbert, Thomas, Rohrer, Davis, of Montgomery, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Little, Everhart, Waters, Hammond, of Howard, Donaldson.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Waters presented a petition from Misses Maranda and Harriet Porter, and eighty-five other citizens of Carroll county, asking to be released from the payment of fines and costs of court in certain cases therein named ;

Which was read and referred to the Carroll county delegation.

Mr. Westcott presented a petition from the commissioners of Kent county, praying an increase in the number of constables for the 4th election district of said county ;

Which was read and referred to the Kent county delegation.

Mr. Hugg offered the following :

Ordered, That the Speaker be requested to have the "National Flag" hoisted on the State House, at 8 o'clock, A. M., daily, (Sundays excepted,) to remain until sunset ;

Mr. Phelps moved to amend by substituting the words, "that it remain floating till both Houses adjourn," for the words "to remain until sunset."

Mr. Harris, of St. Mary's, offered the following substitute :

Ordered, That the Speaker request the Adjutant General to hoist the "National Flag" at the opening of the Houses, to remain until they both adjourn ;

Which was adopted.