

FRIDAY, December 13th, 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'r, Harris, of St. Mary's, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Nutwell, Bond, Magruder, Davis, of Charles, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Wright, Turner, Carroll, Leckie, McIntire, Morton, Bowie, Sr., Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Smith, Duncan, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Buhrman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, McCoy, Dove, Willis, Price, Wolf, Christopher, Reese, Hugg, Taylor, Alexander, Pearson, Findlay, Herbert, Thomas, Rohrer, Davis, of Montgomery, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Little, Everhart, Waters, Hammond, of Howard, Donaldson.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Basil D. Bond appeared and was qualified by the Speaker, as member of the House of Delegates from Calvert county.

Mr. William R. Cole then qualified as Reading Clerk of the House.

Mr. Purnell presented a petition from citizens of Worcester county, praying for the repeal of an act passed at a special session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held at Frederick, April 26th, 1861, entitled an act to add new sections to the Local Laws of Worcester county, under the head of Oysters, chapter 57.

Which was read and referred to Worcester county delegation.

Also a petition from citizens of Worcester county, praying for the passage of an act for the more certain and speedy apprehension of runaway slaves from the State of Maryland.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Price presented a memorial from the Register of Wills of Baltimore city, in reference to the commissions of Executors and Administrators;

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

On motion of Mr. Wolf,

Ordered by the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, That the committee on Militia be and they are hereby