

MONDAY, February 24th, 1862.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r, Dent, Harris, of St. Mary's, Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Magruder, Carrico, Jerome, Given, Ensor, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Wright, Turner, Leckie, Creswell, Morton, Bowie, Sr., Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Duncan, Purnell, Coale, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, Lewis, Hardcastle, Willis, Price, Warner, Wolf, Stockdale, Reese, Taylor, Alexander, Mathews, Pearson, Herbert, Thomas, Davis, of Montgomery, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Everhart, Hammond, of Howard, and Donaldson.

The proceedings of Friday evening and Saturday morning were read and approved.

Mr. McCollister presented the petition of William McKinney and two hundred others, citizens of Centreville, Queen Anne's county, opposing any further extension of the stay law;

Mr. Smyth presented a similar petition from sundry citizens of Kent county;

Which were read and referred to the select committee before appointed on the subject.

Mr. Leckie presented the petition of J. C. Wright and others, citizens of Dorchester county, in favor of abolishing the present primary school system;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Reese presented the petition of J. E. Tate for compensation for articles furnished for the use of the Legislature;

Mr. Mathews presented the application of Charles Reeder for compensation for the use of steamer Phoenix;

Which were read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Reese presented the petition of fifty lumber dealers and merchants against any change in the present system of inspecting lumber;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Inspections.

Mr. Davis, of Montgomery, presented the petition of W. R. Magruder and forty others, citizens of Brookville and its