

FRIDAY, March 7th, 1862—4, P. M.

The House met.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Berry, Sp'k, Dent, Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Nutwell, Magruder, Carrico, Davis, of Charles, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Turner, Leckie, McIntire, Morton, Bowie, Sr., Bowie, Purnell, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, McCoy, Dove, Lewis, Hardcastle, Willis, Warner, Christopher, Hugg, Taylor, Pearson, Findlay, Herbert, Rohrer, White, Little and Everhart.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Ordered, That William W. Johnson, of Somerset county, have leave to withdraw his petition and the papers filed therewith, heretofore referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Dent,

Ordered, That at this evening session bills of a local or private character shall have a preference; and that each county and the city of Baltimore shall be called in the order of the roll, and the counties having two delegates shall have the privilege of calling up one bill; counties having more than two delegates and less than five shall have the privilege of calling up two bills; those having five or more, three bills; and the city of Baltimore, four bills.

Mr. Smith, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act authorising and empowering the Vestry of All Hallows Parish and their successors in office, to receive the bequest made in the last will and testament of Chesed Purnell, and dispose of the same in the manner indicated in said last will and testament;

Mr. Johnson, of Baltimore county, from a select committee reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to authorise and empower the trustees of the Union Academy of Baltimore county, to sell said property and to purchase another site;

Mr. Findlay, from the committee on Militia, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to repeal the 104th section, of article 63, of the Code of Public General Laws, in relation to the oath of militia officers and re-enact the same with amendments thereto;

Which bills were read the first time.

Mr. Ensor, from the committee on Corporations, reported favorably upon the Senate bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Maryland and Pennsylvania Turnpike Company;

Which was read the second time.