

THURSDAY, January 21, 1864.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Kemp, Speaker, Martin, Westcott, Claude, Iglehart, Henkle, Griffith, Ireland, Davis, Carrico, Poteet, Wright, Pearce, of Baltimore county, Lester, Kerr, McNeal, Mathews, Hyland, Handy, Douglass, Elliott, Frazier, Brohawn, Jones, Stubbs, Boulden, Hance, Clarke, Herbert, Pierce, of Queen Anne's, Tolson, Duncan, Smith, Murray, of Worcester, Hammond, Buhrman, Biggs, Rinehart, Snyder, Trail, Hitchcock, Archer, Ridgaway, Barron, Silverwood, Chappell, Stevens, Stockbridge, Lee, Murray, of Baltimore city, Dundon, Mules, Cushwa, Masters, Miller, Gantz, Zeigler, Fawcett, Young, Shaw, Brown, Hebb, Ecker, Waters, Starr, Sykes and Tyson.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Stockbridge presented a petition from William B. Canfield and others, managers of the Children's Aid Society, for an amendment to the law concerning vagrants, and for an appropriation in aid of said society ;

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

Mr. Waters presented a petition from Jos. Shaffer, late sheriff of Carroll county, for money erroneously paid into the Treasury, for the years 1856 and 1857, for fines and forfeitures ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Trail presented a petition from John D. Crumbaugh and others, praying the repeal of part of section 18, chapter 304, act of 1853 ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Brown presented a petition from sundry citizens of Grantsville, Allegany county, praying for an act of incorporation ;

Which was read and referred to the Allegany county delegation.

The Speaker laid before the House a memorial from Cadmus Dashiell, in reference to election for clerk of the Circuit court, for Somerset county ;