

TUESDAY, February 18th, 1845

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday, with the exception of Mr. Chapman, (the honorable Speaker,) who has left the city for a few days.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg, of Prince George's,

The House proceeded to ballot for a Speaker pro tempore,

Mr. Sprigg, of Prince George's, nominated Zabdiel W. Potter, Esq., and Mr. Raymond nominated Alexander Kilgour, Esq.

The ballots of the members being collected in the ballot box, on examination thereof, it appeared that sixty-seven ballots were taken, of which number Zabdiel W. Potter, Esq., received forty-five votes, and Alexander Kilgour, Esq., received twenty-two votes.

Whereupon, Zabdiel W. Potter, Esq., was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Delegates, pro tempore, and accordingly took the chair.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Patterson presented the petition of Otho Magruder, and other citizens of Montgomery county, praying the repeal of a law passed at December session 1843, ch. 306, authorising the erection of gates on a certain road therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to the Montgomery county delegation.

Mr. Buckey presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, for a new election district in said county;

Which was read and referred to the Frederick county delegation.

Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city, presented the petition of Margaret Sprigg, relative to an alley in the city of Baltimore;

Which was read and referred to the delegations from Baltimore city and Caroline county.

Mr. Jump presented the petition of David Knotts and thirty-five other citizens of school district No. 1, in the middle election district of Caroline county, praying for a law to erect a primary school in said district;

Which was read and referred to the Caroline county delegation.

Mr. Stansbury, of Baltimore county, presented the petition of L. B. Finley, and sundry other citizens of Baltimore county, praying for the erection of a bridge over the Great Gunpowder Falls;

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore county delegation.

Mr. Worthington, of A. A. presented the petition of Henry Harman, and fifty-one other citizens of Anne Arundel county, praying some action in relation to the license law;

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

Mr. Polk presented the petition of Charles S. Sewell, and sundry other citizens of Harford county, in relation to injuries that