

THURSDAY, February 9th, 1865.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Frazier, (Sp'k,) Agnew, Anderson, Angel, Bartell, Brown, Buhrman, Cairns, Chew, Clift, Comegys, Cook, Cronise, Cummins, Darling, Eavey, Everhart, Fooks, Fawcett, Garrison, Handy, Harris, Hodson, Hoffman, Holloway, Hopkins, Hynes, Jamison, Jones, Keefer, King, Kirk, Leaverton, Lee, of Baltimore city, Lee, of Queen Anne's, Lusby, Malone, Markey, McCauley, McCullough, Miller, of Anne Arundel, Miller, of Washington, Mules, Nairne, Norris, Parker, Pennington, Pilkington, Poteet, Rider, Rinehart, Robinson, Shaw, Sherry, Showacre, Silver, Slothower, Smith, of Allegany, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Frederick, Soper, Stewart, Stone, Tarr, Tolson, Tull, Usilton, Valliant, Wardwell, Warner, Watkins, Williams, Willis, Wilson, Wooden, Ziegler—76.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Speaker laid before the House an invitation from the President of the Columbia Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb to visit that institution ;

Which was accepted.

Mr. Tull presented a petition from the Board of Directors of the Maryland Institution for the instruction of the Blind, praying an appropriation of \$50,000 to complete and furnish their building ;

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

Mr. Williams presented a petition from the Grand and Petit jurors of Charles county, praying an increase of their per diem ;

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

Mr. Usilton presented a petition from Howard Meeks and James H. Edes and others, citizens of Kent county, praying the enactment of a law empowering the Commissioners of said county to rent out the public wharf on Gray's Inn creek in said county.

Which was read and referred to the Kent county delegation.