

ter, Smith, of Frederick, Soper, Stewart, Tarr, Tolson, Tull, Usilton, Valliant, Wardwell, Warner, Watkins, Willis, Wilson, Wooden, Ziegler—68.

The proceedings of Tuesday were read and approved.

The Speaker laid before the House the following opinion of the Attorney General in reference to the oyster laws, in response to an order of the House.

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Which was read and two hundred copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Silver presented two petitions from citizens of Harford county in favor of constructing a turnpike from Aberdeen to Churchville in said county ;

Which was read and referred to the Harford county delegation.

Mr. Pilkington presented a petition from the Friends Association in aid of Freedmen, asking aid of the State to carry out the objects of their association ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Silver presented a petition from S. J. Ramsey, Wm. H. Thompson and 128 others against an increase of fees and salaries ;

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

Mr. Harris presented a memorial of John A. Thompson, Register of Baltimore city, for the payment of expenses paid under section 7 chapter, 15, of the Laws of Maryland, passed February 6th, 1864, entitled an Act to encourage enlistments ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Anderson presented a memorial from the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, praying the General Assembly to legalize their official acts, they having failed to take the Constitutional oath within the time required.

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

Mr. Pilkington presented a petition from eighty-one citizens of Harford county, praying the enactment of some law to remedy the abuses of the present law on negro apprenticeship,