

THURSDAY, January 30th, 1862.

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. Berry, Sp'k, Dent, Westcott, Walton, Dunbar, Nutwell, Magruder, Carrico, Davis, of Charles, Johnson; of Baltimore county, Jerome, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Turner, Phelps, Leckie, Creswell, McIntire, Morton, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Smith, Duncan, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Burhman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, Harris, of Frederick, McCoy, Willis, Price, Warner, Wolf, Reese, Hugg, Mathews, Findlay, Thomas, Dunlop, White, Chamberlain, Lowe, Little, Everhart, Waters and Hammond, of Howard.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Purnell presented the petition of H. D. Powell, Ara S. Littleton and others, citizens of Worcester county, praying the passage of a law for the protection of fish in the Pocomoke river;

Which was read and referred to the Worcester county delegation.

Mr. Hammond, of Howard, presented the petition of Adam C. Warner and others, citizens of Howard and Montgomery counties, praying that a road may be opened from the old Baltimore road, in Howard county, to Parrsville, in Montgomery county;

Which was read and referred to the joint delegations from Howard and Montgomery counties.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Charles,

Ordered, That the leave granted the committee on the Judiciary, to report a bill for the increase of constables' fees, be transferred to the Charles county delegation.

The Honorable, the Speaker, in accordance with request of the House, reported January 14th, (page 182,) and adopted January 17th, (page 208,) submitted the following

Rules Defining the Several Duties of the Clerks, Officers and Employees of the House.

GENERAL RULES.

1st. All Clerks, Officers and Employees shall be prompt in their attendance at each opening of the House, and shall re-