

FRIDAY, January 31st, 1862.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r., Dent, Westcott, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Nutwell, Magruder, Davis, of Charles, Johnson, of Baltimore county, Jerome, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Phelps, Leckie, McIntire, Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Smith, Purnell, Hammond, of Frederick, Buhrman, Biggs, Johnson, of Frederick, McCoy, Hardcastle, Willis, Warner, Wolf, Christopher, Hugg, Mathews, Findlay, Thomas, Rohrer, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Little, Everhart, Waters, Hammond, of Howard, and Donaldson.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Dougherty presented the petition of James H. Price, George S. Rowe and others, citizens of Somerset county, praying the repeal of so much of law which prohibits the sale of ardent spirits within the limits of Tangier District, No. 15, of said county, so as to allow the proprietor of the Tangier House, situate in said district, to sell the same;

Which was read and referred to the Somerset county delegation.

Mr. Hardcastle presented the petition of W. H. Downes and others, citizens of Caroline county, praying for the repeal of the law establishing the first election precinct in said county;

Which was read and referred to the Caroline county delegation.

Mr. Ensor presented the petition of Humphrey Myers and others, praying a general system of laws in regard to county roads within Baltimore county;

Which was read and referred to a select committee before appointed.

Mr. Smyth presented the petition of Noah Johnson, Thomas R. Quimby and others, citizens of Kent county, asking a repeal of the stay law;

Which was read and referred to a select committee before appointed.

Mr. Duvall presented the report of the Judges of the Orphans' Court of Prince George's county, in relation to the School Fund of said county;

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