

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 1872.

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

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Gorman, Speaker, Colton, of St. Mary's, Dunbar, Wilmer, Hurtt, Wells, Duvall, Henkle, Sparrow, Turner, Foard, of B. co., Litzinger, Spencer, Banks, Butler, Roach, Waller, Smith, Vickers, Radcliffe, Groome, Mearns, Penington, Scott, Sasscer, Eareckson, Ford, of Queen Anne's, Parker, Phillips, Rowe, Delaplaine, Rontzahn, Riley, Baldwin, Street, Hardcastle, Deweese, McCosker, Hamilton, T. H., Cooper, Hamilton, C. R., Jamart, Staylor, Stewart, Clark, of B. city, Colton, of B. city, Kirk, Chaisty, Harig, Feig, McColgan, Markland, Young, of Washington, Arlinger, Newcomer, Whitson; Riggs, Clark, of Mont., Coles, Young, of Alle., Robinette, Steele, Lamotte, L. A. J., Lamotte, H. H., Linthicum, Johnson, Langrell—66.

Mr. Rowe presented the petition of D. G. Adelsberger, and other citizens of Emmittsburg, asking the passage of an Act to incorporate a water company for Emmittsburg, in Frederick county.

Which was read and referred to the Frederick delegation.

Mr. Hardcastle presented the petition of Hiram W. McColley, to be exempted from Municipal taxation by the town of Greensboro', Caroline County, Maryland.

Which was read and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Hardcastle, Deweese and Ford, of Queen Anne's.

Mr. L. A. J. Lamotte presented the petition of Billisipa Allen, widow of Lewis Allen, a soldier of the war of 1812, asking for a pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wilmer presented the petition of James A. Pearce, and other citizens of Kent county, praying for the repeal of the law which gives jurisdiction to Justices of the Peace in said county in cases of assault and battery.

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