

TUESDAY, March 24th, 1874.

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

Present at the call of the roll, the following members:

Messrs. Hines, (Speaker,) Bond, Colton, Henkle, Robinson, Nutwell, Bird, Keech, Matthews, Merryman, Banks, Seth, Valliant, Sudler, Duer, Gordy, Johnson, Hodson, Turner, of Cecil, Mackey, Robey, Kemp, Pruitt, Merrill, Koons, Miller, Lamar, Nicodemus, Annan, Grafton, Lee, Riley, Dawson, Williams, McCosker, T. H. Hamilton, Cooper, C. R. Hamilton, McWilliams, Staylor, Stewart, of Baltimore city, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Loane, Greenfield, McColgan, Harig, Joyce, Groh, Fenton, Stake, Clark, Fletchall, Wier, Wack, Park, Brace, Waters, Vanderford, Galt, Brown, Maclin, Bedsworth, Glotfelty—65.

The Speaker laid before the House the following Communication from Hon. Joshua Vansant, with Resolutions therein named :

BALTIMORE, March 23rd, 1874.

*To the Speaker of the House of Delegates:*

At a mass-meeting of about two thousand citizens of Maryland, held yesterday at Ford's Grand Opera House, in Baltimore, Mayor Vansant presiding, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, The Maryland Inebriate Asylum having been chartered by the State, inaugurated, furnished and equipped by the contributions of the ladies of Maryland, and by private subscription from merchants and others ;

*And whereas,* Its practicability and usefulness having been satisfactorily established, after nearly three years experience, and the Institution being a necessity to save valuable men ; it is therefore

*Resolved by this meeting of citizens,* That the bill now in the hands of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Delegates, which provides for an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing a suitable location and the erection of buildings for the Asylum, meets our approval; and further, that we do most earnestly urge upon the Committee of Ways and Means the necessity of prompt action in the premises, as well as a favorable report on the same.

*Resolved,* That a copy of these Resolutions, signed by the Chairman and Secretary, be immediately transmitted to the