

THURSDAY, March 16th, 1876.

The House met, at 10 A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Amos.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. (Gill, Speaker pro tem.,) Dunbar. Mattingly, Boyer, Usilton, Hodges, Robinson, Rullman, Turner, Bird, Lancaster, Hooper, Baldwin, Whitelock, Curtis, Smith, of B. co., Given, Fitzjarrell, Dodson, Lankford, Gunby, Ford, Lambdin, Smith, of Dor., Waters, of Dor., Briscoe, Constable, Ward, Snowden, Gwynn, Cockey, Neal, Purcell, Onley, Riggs, Hinks, Naill, Koons, Rutledge, Boyle, Vandiver, Culbreth, Goldsborough, Rusk, Berkemeier, Lewis, McWilliams, Hoblitzell, Stewart, McAleese, Loane, Chaisty, Harig, Albaugh, Sanders, Fenton, Scott, Farrow, Ranger, Jones, Griffith, Rawlings, Atkinson, Sprigg, Brooke, Brown, Rinehart, Lamotte, Waters, of Car'l., Donaldson, Clark, Dashiell, Gordy, Barnard, Browning—75.

Mr. Lankford presented the petition of Thos. K. Whealton, and 560 other citizens of Somerset county, for a law protecting crabs.

Which was read and referred to the Somerset delegation.

Mr. Rinehart presented the petition from Thomas F. Shepherd, F. A. Norris, and 58 other citizens of Carroll county, for the passage of an Act for preventing cattle and stock from running at large.

Which was read and referred to the Carroll delegation.

Mr. Rutledge presented the petition of Dr. W. W. Viridin and other citizens of Harford county, praying that the County Commissioners of said county be authorized to levy the sum of \$100 for support of Mary Ann Hopkins, an indigent and demented woman.

Which was read and referred to the Harford delegation.

Mr. Boyer presented the petition of sundry citizens of Kent county against the passage of any law prohibiting fishing by drift seine in the waters of Chester river, above Chestertown.

Which was read and referred to the Kent and Queen Anne's delegations.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Symington Bros. & Co., Turner, Hopkins & Co., Geo. S. Dickey, and 45 other steam users, against the passage of a law to license engineers in Baltimore.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Inspections.