

FRIDAY, January 24th, 1845.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday, (except the Honorable Speaker,) who is detained from the House by indisposition.

On motion of Mr Hopewell,

The House proceeded to ballot for a Speaker, pro tempore,

Mr. Hopewell nominated Zabdiel W. Potter, Esq., and

Mr. Patterson nominated Alexander Kilgour, Esq.

The ballots of the members being collected in the ballot box, on examination thereof, it appeared that sixty-three ballots were taken, of which number, Alexander Kilgour, Esq., received thirty-five votes, and Zabdiel W. Potter, Esq., received twenty-seven votes, and that there was one blank ballot.

Whereupon, Alexander Kilgour, Esq., was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Delegates, pro tempore, and accordingly took the Chair.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Edward Buckey, Esquire, who has by a decision of the House, been declared to be entitled to a seat therein, as a delegate duly elected from Frederick county, in the stead of John H. Worthington, Esq., the delegate returned, and whose seat has been vacated by the judgment of the House, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Johnson, of Frederick, presented the memorial of citizens of Baltimore, in reference to the pilotage on vessels carrying coal in the coasting trade;

Which was read and referred to the select committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Fletcher presented the petition of one hundred and fifteen citizens of Washington county praying an act to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors on the Lord's day;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Fletcher,

Referred to a select committee composed of Messrs. Fletcher, Neff, Worthington of Anne Arundel, Graves, Polk and Buckey.

Mr. Hollyday, of Kent, presented the petition of George W. Wistcott and other citizens of Kent county, praying for the passage of an act therein mentioned;

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

Mr. Johnson, of A. A., presented the petition of William Frazier of Washington county, praying that a forfeited recognizance be paid to him;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of A. A.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Fitzhugh Turner, of Harford county, praying to retain a certain slave in this State;

Which was read.