

Mr. Gallagher rose to a point of order, that the sergeant-at-arms, being required under the 31st Rule of the House, to compel the attendance of members, a motion to adjourn was not in order.

The Chair decided the motion to adjourn to be a privilege question, and therefore in order.

The question was then put, on the motion to adjourn; and Determined in the negative.

The sergeant-at-arms was then sent with the mace after the absent members to compel their attendance in the House, and after being absent for some time, returned and reported that he had notified the absent members to be in attendance, and that a quorum was then present.

On motion of Mr. Biser,

The House suspended further proceedings under the call.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

The House took up for consideration the bill from the Senate, entitled, an act to incorporate "The Ashland Manufacturing company of Maryland."

The amendment reported from the committee on Corporations, to said bill having been read the second time, was assented to.

The said bill was then read through as amended, and the bill placed in the hands of the Speaker.

Mr. Ware moved that said bill be withdrawn from the hands of the Chair for the purpose of amendment;

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Ware,

Said bill was amended by inserting after the word "amend," in the 7th section the words "and repeal;"

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Said bill was further amended by inserting after the words "banking privileges," in the 6th section, the following:

"Or to authorise the said corporation to issue any note, token, devise, scrip, or other evidence of debt to be used as currency;"

The said bill was then passed as amended, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Johnson, of Anne Arundel, chairman of the joint committee on the Library, delivered the following

#### REPORT:

The joint committee on the Library, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Librarian for the year 1844, and find that the appropriation of \$500, for the augmentation of the Library, has been fairly and judiciously disbursed.

They have also, examined his vouchers for the purchase of stationary for the use of the several departments, and find them to be correct, and have signed an order in the usual form, directing the payment thereof by the committee on Claims.

The report of the Librarian containing some suggestions deem-