

## MEMORIAL.

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*To the Honorable,*

*The House of Delegates of the State of Maryland.*

The memorial of George E. Gambrill, of Anne Arundel county, respectfully represents to your Honorable Body; that on the seventh day of November in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, a general election was ordered and held in Anne Arundel county, for clerk of the Circuit court for said county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the previous incumbent, Nicholas H. Green.

That at the said election, your memorialist was a candidate and received a large number of votes. But he avers that at the same election a certain Sprigg Harwood and Benjamin E. Gantt were also candidates, and the said Sprigg Harwood was returned as having received five hundred and forty votes; your memorialist as having received three hundred and seventy-eight votes, and the said Benjamin E. Gantt as having received two hundred and twenty votes, as will appear from the returns duly lodged in the office of the Governor. He charges that the said Harwood at the time of said election was ineligible to the said office, because he was then, and from the November election 1864, had been a Senator of Maryland, representing said county, in the Legislature, and at the January Session 1865, during said term, the profits of the office of clerk of the Circuit court, had been increased in different respects by laws passed by the said Legislature at their said January Session, 1865, and especially by the passage of the Act of 1865, chapter 181, in reference to the issuing of licenses by clerks of the Circuit court to persons to catch oysters, which increased the fees, commissions and profits of the clerk to the Circuit court for Anne Arundel county to a considerable extent, and he is advised that by section 16, of article 3, of the Constitution of the State the ineligibility of the said Harwood, in this point of view will fully appear.

And he charges that the said Harwood was ineligible to the said office, because the said Harwood at the time of said election was not a registered voter of the said county or State, and is not such at this time.