

NEGATIVE.

Messrs.	Buhrman,	Shaw,
Agnew,	Everhart,	Smith of Fred'k.
Angel,	Rinehart,	Wooden—S.

So the question upon its adoption was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Pilkington, in accordance with notice previously given, submitted the following;

Ordered, That an additional committee be added to the Standing committees of the House, said committee to be called a committee on Registration;

Which was adopted.

The Speaker announced the following committee, in accordance with the above order:

Messrs. Pilkington, Markey, Hoffinan, Jamison, Harris, Sherry and Usilton.

The following message was received from the Executive, at the hands of his private secretary, Peter Leary, Jr., Esq.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, Jan. 16, 1866.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

I herewith transmit the returns of the late elections for Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county in this State, having been notified that the right of the present incumbents to hold said offices, will be contested at this session of your honorable body.

THO. SWANN.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Elections.

The Speaker laid before the House the evidence in the contested election of Spence *vs.* Franklin;

Which was referred to the committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Allegany,

Leave was granted the committee on Ways and Means to report a bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Land Office to issue a patent to John A. Smith, for a tract of land called "St. Barts," in Allegany county.