

the third time three-fourths concurring, and passed by yeas and nays as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Billingslea,	Mackall,
Bowie,	Maddox,
Compton,	Spates,
Davis, of Caroline,	Stephenson,
Davis, of Washington,	Stirling,
Earle,	Tome,
Frazier,	Trail,
Henkle,	Vickers,
Jump,	Waters—19.
Kimmell,	

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Davis, from the Select Committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Washington county, in their discretion to assume such part of the debt of the Mayor and Councilmen of the town of Hagerstown, known as the McCausland debt, as they may deem just and equitable;

Reported it with the following amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out the 1st section and insert in lieu thereof the following, viz:

Whereas, in the Summer of 1864, a raid was made into Maryland by the Confederate army, under the command of General McCausland, in which the city of Hagerstown, in Washington county of said State, was threatened to be burned by said McCausland, unless a large sum of money and a large amount of clothing should be advanced to the said McCausland as an indemnity for the security of the said city from destruction,

And, whereas, the Mayor and Council of said city, and its inhabitants, did pay the money and furnish the clothing so required by the said McCausland, to save the said city from the threatened calamity, the entire amount of which has since been assumed by the said Mayor and Council, thus making it a formidable debt to the said city,

And, whereas, the said county of Washington, owns valuable property in said city, viz: a court house, a jail and an alms-house, which would inevitably have been destroyed with the city had it been burned, and should consequently, and as a matter of sheer justice, assume its proper and equitable share of the debt incurred for its safety from destruction.