

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,
Biggs,
Browne,
Carroll,
Clarke,
Earle,
Fields,
Henkle,
Hyland,
Malone,

Miller,
Parker,
Sellman,
Snyder,
Spates,
Stephenson,
Timmons,
Welch,
Wilson—19.

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Clarke, from the Joint Special Committee, to whom the subject was referred, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Honorable,

The General Assembly of Maryland:

The undersigned, the Committee appointed by virtue of a Joint Resolution of your Honorable Body, passed January, 1870, to the end that this Legislature may know what disposition has been made of the funds heretofore appropriated by the State for the National Cemetery at Sharpsburg, Washington county, by the Trustees of said Cemetery, would most respectfully report that in obedience to said Joint Resolution, they had before them in Joint Committee, Thomas A. Boullt, Esq., the Secretary and Treasurer of said Cemetery, and from him learned that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars had been received from the State of Maryland, and expended in the construction of said Cemetery, and that by virtue of an Act of 1868, chapter 104, the sum of five thousand dollars was appropriated for the interment of the Confederate dead, who fell in the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, Monocacy and Crumpton Gap, and that said sum so appropriated as aforesaid, still remains in the Treasury of the State. Your Committee would further report that the requirement of the Act incorporating the Antietam National Cemetery, making it the duty of the Trustees to devote a portion of said Cemetery to interment of said Confederate soldiers has been persistently ignored and violated, and the said Trustees finally in Dec., 1869, refused to allow the said Confederate dead to be interred within the said Cemetery. In view, therefore, of the said sum of five thousand dollars, so as aforesaid appropriated, not yet being used, and of the persistent refusal of said Trustees to allow the requirements of the charter in this respect to be carried out, and in view of the fact that the remains of many thousands of Confederate soldiers now lie scattered along the