

Merryman,	Annan,	Watkins,
Banks,	Grafton,	Fletchall,
Seth,	Lee,	Wier,
Valliant,	Riley,	Wack,
Sudler,	Dawson,	Park,
Coulbourn,	Williams,	Waters,
Duer,	McCosker,	Vanderford, ✓
Gordy,	T. H. Hamilton,	Galt,
Johnson,	Cooper,	Brown,
Hodson,	C. R. Hamilton,	Maclin,
Turner, of Cecil,	Stewart, of B. city,	Bedsworth—65.
Mackey,	McAleese,	

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then sent to the Senate.

Mr. Gill presented the following statement from W. H. Perot and others:

BALTIMORE, April 2d, 1874.

To the Honorable,

The General Assembly of the State of Maryland:

The Board of Examiners of Pilots cannot allow the session of the Legislature to close without representing to your Honorable Bodies—the Senate and House of Delegates—their earnest but respectful remonstrance against the present attitude of the pilot system of the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River. Believing that the present inefficiency of that service arises from all absence of competition and from the fact that nothing is done within the existing monopoly to supply the wants of an increasing trade, we feel assured that the evils we have had to deplore for some time will increase instead of diminish. We wish to relieve ourselves of the responsibility of being identified with the execution of a law which, in our experiences, is not suited to the purpose for which it was enacted. We think ample power should be given to some competent tribunal to provide a remedy for the defects in the present law, and as the mode of redress we have suggested has not met with the favor of your Honorable Bodies, we must relieve ourselves of the responsibility consequent upon holding positions without the adequate power to enforce its operations for active good. We do not wish by this expression of our views to indicate our desire to resign our positions as Examiners, and we will continue to labor in the future as we have done in the past for the welfare of our community and the protection of commerce.

W. H. PEROT,

C. MORTON STEWART,

J. STRICKER JENKINS,

GUSTAVUS LITEGEN.