

Brewer,
Cooper,
Dennis,
Freeman,
Ford,
Getty,
Gorman,

Knight,
Lee,
Lawrence,
Newcomer,
Stevens,
Suit—19.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Lloyd,
McCulloh,
Mudd,

Phelps,
Steiner,
Walsh—6.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Senator from Wicomico county until Wednesday next.

Mr. Gorman presented the following :

The undersigned, holders of the Preferred Bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, have observed, that in the secret discussions between that Company and the representatives of certain interests in Allegany county. A specific charge has been made, that there is or has been an arrangement between the Bondholders and the President and Directors of the Canal Company, or some of them, whereby, in consideration of the regular payment of the overdue coupons on the bonds, a percentage is paid by the Bondholders to the President and Directors, or to some of them. This charge is repeated in a late number of the "Cumberland Times," but is there confined to Messrs. Gorman and Bannon.

No one at all familiar with the management of the Company, from the year 1869, when the payment of the coupons was begun, after many years default, through the whole of the administration of President Clarke, when their payment was continued and increased, and for the last three years, during which the present Board has persevered, with still more marked success, in such a just and proper policy, can credit an accusation so offensive alike to the Bondholders and the Board.

But lest some who are not acquainted with the mode by which the coupons are paid by the Banking House of Messrs. Alexander Brown & Sons, and with the past history of the Company in this respect, may be misled by such a public charge, the undersigned feel that they owe it to themselves and the Board of Directors, to declare that it is without the least foundation in fact. No such arrangement exists now,