

Walker,	Harding,	Mountz,
Allender,	Bowlus,	McKinstry,
Lynch, of Balt. co.	Root,	Reindollar,
Smith, of Balt. co.	Hobbs,	Day,
Goldsborough,	Bacon,	Welling,
Moore,	Baker,	Dorsey—48.

## NEGATIVE.

Landing,	Ford, of Balt. co.	Kilgour—3.
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The said bill was then sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Lynch, of Baltimore county,  
The rules were suspended, and he offered the following

## REPORT:

Your joint committee appointed on the part of the Senate and House of Delegates to visit and inspect the site of "The Maryland State Lunatic Asylum for the Insane and examine into the progress of the buildings, performed that duty Monday February 1, accompanied by Doctor R. S. Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

The object had in view by the Commissioners in selecting a site was to secure one which would combine these essential features: I. Perfect freedom from malaria and every local cause of disease. II. Ease of access. III. Proximity to an abundant and cheap market. IV. An open and cheerful scenery, having such prominent points as would promptly attract the eye, even of a casual observer. V. An intelligent neighborhood, likely to feel a philanthropic interest in the important design of the institution, and such as would be free from the encroachment of any large manufacturing establishments; each and all of these requisites were deemed essential to the efficient operation of so beneficent a work, as reclaiming the minds of those who have been bereft of reason, the best gift of God to his creatures.

In furtherance of their object the commissioners visited every available section of the State, and after long and anxious observation and deliberation, selected Spring Grove. A farm of 130 acres in Baltimore county, near Catonsville, and distant four miles from the western boundary of the Metropolis. The farm cost the State \$5,000, the balance of the purchase money having been furnished by private donations from citizens of Baltimore: viz. \$9000. It is the decided opinion of your committee that a better site could not have been found, and also it combines in a remarkable manner the five requisites as stated above. Upon these points, as the question of location is of prime importance for such an object, and indeed for any object demanding large appropriations from the State Treas-