

Allnutt	Tuck	Worthington
Weems	Hamilton	Buskirk
Morsell	Roberts	Pickell
Crain	Handy of Wor.	Brown
Brawner	Butler	Powder
Risteau	Yellott	Mr. Speaker—30.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Murray	Simpers	Hopkins
Hammond	Janney	Jarrett
Clarke	Crookshanks	Springer
Walker	Taylor	Graves
Randall	Richardson	Nesbit
Sherwood of T.	Lynch	Harne
Colston	McKeehan	Griffith
Green	Crampton	Kilgour—24.

So the order was adopted.

Whereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Worthington, Risteau and Thomas, the said committee.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Treasurer of the Western Shore:

WESTERN SHORE TREASURY,
Annapolis, January 23, 1843.

To the Honorable

The House of Delegates:

The Treasurer furnishes the enclosed statement in obedience to their order of the 14th instant.

The amount by the statement, represented to be *now* due on account of the direct tax for '41 and '42, is the gross amount due in the contemplation of the supplement, chapter 116 of December session 1841.

It is greatly more, however, than was understood by any of the county authorities to be due, except by the commissioners of Anne Arundel.

In the original act (chapter 23 of March session 1841,) no definite time is fixed for the payment of any but the tax for 1841. The 52nd section requires the subsequent taxes to be levied with the county levy, and collected by the collectors of the county levy, and at the same time and in the same manner.

The 53rd section *professes* to fix the time for paying them into the Treasury, but seeks to affect it by simply referring to the provisions of the act—no provision being to be found in it—unless the 47th section, which seems to relate only to the tax for '41, be in truth, applicable also to future taxes; and in that case, the tax for '42 would perhaps in every county in the State, be payable by quarterly instalments 1st March, 1st June, 1st September and 1st December, 1843. On the contrary, in the view of the said supplement, the tax for 1842 now unpaid, is now all due except 2½ cents in the \$100, which is payable 1st March, 1843, and the