

Welch, of K.	Winder	Mr. Speaker pro. tem.
Ridgely	Frazier	—16
Dalrymple	Tall	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Jones	Quynn	Newcomer
Welch of B.	Biser	Byer
Ristean	Simmons	Kepler
Holmes	Firor	Gaither
Lloyd	Sutton	Waters
Martin	Hope	Dade
Colston	Polk	Berry
Humphreys	Sangston	Newman
Foard	Thawley	Parke
Heckart	Seidenstricker	Bramwell
Temples	Gallagher	Hook—33

So the said bill was rejected.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee on education, made the following

REPORT:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, setting forth the donations to academies in said county as a grievance, and praying that the donations may be withdrawn and distributed amongst the several school districts in said county, ask leave to report that the prayer of the petitioners is at variance with the settled policy of the State, academies form an integral and highly important part of our system of education, occupying as it were a middle ground between the primary schools and colleges. The committee believe that the fund allowed by the State to each county for the support of academies, would do more good if concentrated on some approved one, in each county, than by its division, but that its usefulness and efficiency would be almost utterly destroyed by being scattered amongst the several school districts, for example take the instance of the petitioners, their donation for academies is \$800, their number of school districts 47, divide this amount among them, and the insignificance of the quota (17 dollars) we feel assured will convince the petitioners of the propriety of this unfavorable report. All which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. SHAW.

Read and concurred in.

Mr. Welch, of Annapolis, submitted the following order:

Whereas, sundry members of the legislature having from necessity been compelled to be absent from the seat of government during the present session, but in all cases having returned to their duties, and the chairman of the committee of claims having doubts whether such members can properly be allowed their per diem during their absence, therefore

Ordered, That the chairman of the committee of claims be and he is hereby directed to allow to all such members the same per