

A communication was received from His Excellency, Governor Bradford, by the hands of W. B. Hill, Secretary of State, endorsed, "on Executive Business."

Mr. Clarke submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Chairman of the committee on Elections be directed to issue summons for the witnesses, whose names may be furnished by Hart B. Holton and Littleton Maclin, to the said committee, to testify in reference to the contested seat of the Senator from Howard county, under the leave granted by the order passed by the Senate on the 12th day of January, 1865;

The question upon its adoption was decided in the negative by yeas and nays, as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mess. Billingsley, of St. Mary's
Clarke,
Harwood,
Jenkins,
Jones,

Lansdale,
Mackall,
Maclin,
McMaster,
Stephenson—10.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Billingslea, of Carroll,
Carroll,
Davis, of Caroline,
Davis, of Washington,
Maud,
McNeal,

Ohr,
Philpot,
Tome,
Turner,
Whitney—11.

On motion of Mr. Ohr,

Ordered, That so much of the order relating to the memorial of Hart B. Holton as relates to the taking of testimony, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 25th, 1865.

Mr. Earle presented the petition of citizens of Queen Anne's county, praying the relief therein mentioned ;