

Resolved, That William Robertson, of Montgomery county, be, and he is hereby discharged from the payment of the sum of two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ninety-six cents, part of a sum at which improvements were valued, by the surveyor of Montgomery county, on two small parcels of land called "Unimportant" and "All Important," lying in said county.

Resolved, That the register of the land office, be, and he is hereby directed, to issue to said William Robertson, a patent for said parcels of land, on his paying such part of the residue of said valuation, as has not yet been paid to the state.

Which was twice read by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill to authorize the use of the testimony of the parties as witnesses in trials at law, was read the second time.

Mr. Kilgour moved the following as an additional section:

"And be it enacted, That nothing in this act shall be construed to compel any person to give evidence for or against himself in a court of common law." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.		
Messrs. Speaker	Brown	Sewell
Boon	Cockey	Potter
Edelen	Barnes	Howard
M'Culloh	Sappington	Merrick
Teackle	Farquhar	Kershner—15
NEGATIVE.		
Messrs. Kilgour	Millis	S R Smith
Hawkins	A. E. Jones	Mitchell
Gough	B. I. Jones	Montgomery
Welch	Douglas	Williams
Wickes	Eccleston	Hall
Harris	Grubb	Keene
Gantt	Gilpin	Saulsquery
Linthicum	Harlan	Hughletc
Estep	Beall	Tyson
Dalrymple	Duvall	Jacques
M Smith	Speed	Lansdale
Garner	Ridgaway	Perry
Rogerson	Stevens	Reid
Shower	Sudler	Blair
Turner	Parker	Armstrong—46
Spencer		

Determined in the negative, and the bill returned to the senate.

Mr. B. I. Jones delivers the following report:

The committee to whom were referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that a part of the donation granted to Washington academy, in said county, may be given to Salisbury academy in the town of Salisbury, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—

That they conceive the donation granted to Washington academy, not a school fund granted to Somerset county, but as a donation granted to a particular institution, that existed many years before Salisbury academy had a being. Therefore, upon the plain principles of common justice, the committee do not think that this legislature ought to give any part of the donation granted to Washington academy, to any other institution. But the committee are of opinion, that the Salisbury academy does deserve the patronage of this legislature, and inasmuch as