

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Kilgour	B. I. Jones	Parker 73
Gantt	Ennalls	Barnes
Rogerson	Brohawn	Farquhar
Worthington	Grubb	Keene
Shower	Harlan	Hughlett
Banning	Speed	Howard
Millis	Sudler	Kennedy—22
A. E. Jones		

## NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker	Eccleston	Sewell
Welch	Gilpin	Hall
Boon	Beall	Potter
Harris	Ridgaway	Saulsbury
Beckett	Hopper	Merrick
M. Smith	Stevens	Kershner
Chapman	Hooper	Jacques
Edelen	S. R. Smith	Hughes
Turner	Mitchell	Willson
M'Culloh	Cockey	Perry
Teackle	Sappington	Reid
Brown	Montgomery	Blair
Douglas	Williams	Armstrong—39

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Williams moved the following message:

By the House of Delegates, Feb. 18, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

When a number of individuals, associated for the purpose of conducting any business with a view to their private benefit, ask for a charter securing to them, for a long period of time, privileges greater than those which they have a right to enjoy in common with other citizens of the state, and exempting them altogether from individual responsibilities to which other citizens are personally liable by law, we conceive it to be but right and proper that the legislature, granting such charter, should stipulate with the company, soliciting the same, for a reasonable bonus to the use of the state, as a consideration therefor. Hence we consider it just, as well as expedient, to insert in the bill to incorporate the Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania Steam Navigation Company, that section which was to make the continuance of their charter depend upon the payment of a certain sum annually into the treasury. We regret, therefore, that we cannot concur with you in your proposition to amend the bill by striking out that section; but we are willing, if you please, so to modify the amendment, that the bonus shall be regulated by the profits that may be earned, instead of its being fixed at a certain sum, or levied on the capital of the company. We would agree to amend the section referred to, in such manner that the bonus should be proportioned to the number of passengers that may be conveyed in the boats of the said company across the Chesapeake bay, and propose twenty-five cents as the rate to be paid into the treasury of Maryland for each passenger that may be so as aforesaid conveyed.

We return you the bill herewith, in the hope that upon a reconsideration of it, you will agree either to pass it in its present form, or with an amendment similar to that which we have respectfully suggested.

Mr. Speed moved to strike out from the word 'profits,' to insert 'when those profits shall exceed six per centum on the whole amount of