

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:

Messrs. Speaker.  
Boon  
Edelen  
M'Culloh  
Teackle

Messrs. Kilgour  
Hawkins  
Gough  
Welch  
Wickes  
Harris  
Gantt  
Linthicum  
Estep  
Dalrymple  
M Smith  
Garner  
Rogerson  
Shower  
Turner  
Spencer

AFFIRMATIVE.

Brown  
Cockey  
Barnes  
Sappington,  
Farquhar.

NEGATIVE.

Millis  
A. E. Jones  
B. I. Jones  
Douglas  
Eccleston  
Grubb  
Gilpin  
Harlan  
Beall  
Duvall  
Speed  
Ridgaway  
Stevens  
Sudler  
Parker

Sewell  
Potter  
Howard  
Merrick  
Kershner—15

S R Smith  
Mitchell  
Montgomery  
Williams  
Hall  
Keene  
Saulsury  
Hughlett  
Tyson  
Jacques  
Lansdale  
Perry  
Reid  
Blair  
Armstrong—46

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