NEGATIVE. S. R. Smith, Buchanan, Messrs. Hawkins, Hitch, Done, Gough, Hope, Dennis. Wilmer, Norris. Gibbons, Bourne, Brown. J. W. Thomas, Chapman, Hall, Beall. Rogerson, Fitzhugh, Peach. J. Hughes, E. Hughes, Speed, King, Lansdale. —27. Crabb, Price,

So the question was resolved in the affirmative, and the

message sent to the senate.

Mr. Dennis obtained leave to report a bill, to be entitled, An act to amend, explain, and render more definite, certain articles of the constitution relative to elections; and Messrs. Dennis, Chapman, Du Val, Crabb and Tyson, were appointed a commit-

tee to prepare the same.

The clerk of the senate delivered a communication from the treasurer for the western shore, inclosing a report and statement of the managers of the Washington Monument, for the past year, presented to the general assembly, in obedience to the second section of the act of December session, 1824, chap. 125; which, having been received and referred by the senate to the consideration of this house, were read, and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Turner reported a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Mr. Hope reported a bill, entitled, An act relating to the levy court and commissioners of the tax for Harford county; and Mr. Du Val reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this state; which were severally read and laid on the table.

In conformity with the constitution and form of government, and in accordance with the arrangement made between the two branches of the legislature for that purpose, the house proceeded to ballot for registers of wills for Washington and St. Mary's counties. The members having deposited their ballots in the ballot box, the gentlemen named by this house, in conjunction with those appointed on the part of the senate, to count the joint ballot of both houses, and report the result, retired to the conference room.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the house then adjourned untill to-

morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1827.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yes-

terday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messrs. Hall and Hawkins, the tellers appointed on the part of this house, in conjunction with those named by the senate, to count the joint ballot of both houses, (which occurred yesterday in each house, respectively, for the purpose of electing a per-