

N E G A T I V E

Messrs.	Angier, Hatcheson, Dorsey, Harwood, Merriken,	Hall, Moore, Stansbury, Love, Lemmon,	Lloyd, Rose, Sheredine, Miller, Alexander,	Veazey, Bowie, Wood, Van-Horn, Carr,	Thompson, Nelson, Hawkins, Kemp, Montgomery,	Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Orrell, Hardcastle,	Purviance, Dickson, Kershner, Smith, Tilghman.
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So it was determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom were referred the memorial of John Young, Esquire, a member of the house of delegates, and the counter memorial of Robert Orrell and John Hardcastle, Esquires, also members of the house of delegates, report, that they have carefully examined all the documents produced to them by the parties on the subject of the said memorial and counter memorial, and also all the witnesses which were requested on behalf of either of the said parties to be examined, except James Nabb and Henry Downs, Esquires, whose attendance, from the remoteness of their residence from the city of Annapolis, and the late period of the session, could not be obtained in due time; it appears to your committee, that Robert Orrell, Esquire, drew the petition which was presented in the name and on behalf of Mrs. Jane Green, and signed her name thereto, without any instructions from her, but that he was induced so to do by the solicitation of James Nabb, Esquire, who represented to Mr. Orrell, that Mrs. Green had delivered to him a petition to be taken to Annapolis, and put into the hands of either Mr. Orrell or Mr. Hardcastle, for the purpose of being presented to the legislature, and that he had unfortunately lost it; that the petition written by Mr. Orrell, and presented by Mr. Hardcastle, for Mrs. Green, was drawn from a statement made by Mr. Nabb of the facts contained in the petition, said to have been lost, of the substance of which Mr. Nabb alleged that he retained an accurate recollection; that Mr. Orrell reluctantly undertook to draw the said petition, but was prevailed upon to do it by Mr. Nabb. Your committee are of opinion, that under the circumstances above stated, and as the petition presented on behalf of Mrs. Green contained serious imputations upon the characters of her securities upon the administration of Valentine Green's estate, of which Mr. Young, a member of the house, was one, Mr. Orrell, in drawing and signing the name of Mrs. Green to the said petition, and Mr. Hardcastle in presenting the same, did not act with strict delicacy and correctness towards Mr. Young, particularly as neither Mr. Orrell nor Mr. Hardcastle took the previous step of shewing the said petition to Mr. Young; your committee, however, are happy in having it in their power to declare their opinion, that neither of those gentlemen were guilty of intentional impropriety, nor were influenced by any malicious intention towards Mr. Young, but that they both acted in pursuance of what they conceived to be their duty as representatives from the county of Mrs. Green's residence. Your committee also think it their duty, in justice to Mr. Young, to state, that the charges contained in the petition presented for Mrs. Green, of embezzlement by her securities of the effects of her late husband Valentine Green, deceased, appear to be altogether unfounded, as the documents and statements submitted to your committee, and not contested, shewed that the assets of the deceased, which came to the hands of the securities, acting for Mrs. Green, have been duly disbursed and applied to the use of the estate, except the sum of £. 1 11 3½, which is covered by a proved account against the said estate of a certain Anne Barwick, passed by the register, and amounting to the sum of £. 2 1 3. From the above circumstances your committee are of opinion, that it is not necessary for the house to take any order on the subject of the said memorial and counter memorial.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs.	W. Neade, Frisby, Blake, Grahame,	Somervell, Bourne, P. Stuart, Jones,	Chapman, M'Pherson, Dashnell, Cottman,	Hyland, Goldsborough, Keene, Steele,	Quynn, Quinton, Wilson,	Swearingen, T. Davis, Bayard,	Simkins, Tomlinson, Cresap.
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So it was determined in the negative.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, from a consideration of the memorial of John Young, a member from Caroline county, and the counter memorial of Robert Orrell and John Hardcastle, also members from the said county, and also of the several documents, and of the depositions of James Mattison, William Rose, Richard Hatcheson and Daniel C. Hopper, that no imputation attaches against the said Robert Orrell and John Hardcastle for writing and preferring the petition of Mrs. Jane Green, as it appears that Mr. Orrell wrote the same at the instance of Mr. James Nabb, a member from Talbot, who, in the opinion of this house, was authorised