

N E G A T I V E.

Gale,	Ogden,	Harryman,	Gleaves,	Waters,	Street,	Stephen,	Bowles,
z B. Mackall,	Lemmon,	Dickinson,	Sturgis,	Montgomery,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 13, 1805.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Somervell appears in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Murdock, of Allegany county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and from an examination of the different vouchers and certificates given by the surveyor, it appears there is about the quantity of two hundred acres of land deficient, and beg leave to submit the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the register of the western shore land-office be and he is hereby authorised and directed to issue to Patrick Murdock, of Allegany county, a warrant for two hundred and forty acres of land, the same being a full compensation for, and granted to make good a deficiency of, two hundred acres of land, originally purchased from the state, rating said deficiency at three shillings per acre.

C. GIBSON, clk.

By order,

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Sprigg Belt, William Hammond, Philemon Griffith and Joshua Griffith, have considered the same, and report, that at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, the legislature of Maryland passed a resolution directing one thousand pounds to be advanced to Dennis Griffith, then employed in preparing a map of the state of Maryland, on condition of securing the repayment of the said sum, with interest; this condition your committee believe was intended rather to secure the performance of the work than the repayment of the money, such a map being indispensable to the state for public and private purposes, and no doubt the legislature would have readily contributed that sum for the encouragement of the work, which eventually has been ably executed; the bonds, however, remained in the treasury, and the legislature has since discharged the principal, Dennis Griffith, by an act of insolvency, but have continued to exact the interest from November, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and hold the securities bound for the repayment of the principal sum; these securities had been induced to join in the bonds from benevolent motives, without any prospect of advantage to themselves. Your committee further state, that on a memorial presented by Elizabeth Johnson, widow of Horatio Johnson, one of the securities of said Dennis Griffith, the legislature, at last session, fully impressed with an opinion that the security demanded on the part of the state was only intended to insure the completion of a work acknowledged to be useful, and from which the state has already received ample remuneration, exonerated the estate of Horatio Johnson from any claim or demand of the state; your committee believing the justice granted to the representatives of Horatio Johnson ought to be equally extended to the other securities, have therefore thought proper to submit the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That John Sprigg Belt, William Hammond, Philemon and Joshua Griffith, executors of Henry Griffith, be and they are hereby exonerated and discharged from the debts due to the state from said John Sprigg Belt, William Hammond and Henry Griffith, deceased, as securities of Dennis Griffith, and that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to release to the said parties, the bonds for the payment of the debts aforesaid.

By order,

C. GIBSON, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the levy court of Allegany county relative to roads in said county, and for other purposes.

ORDERED, That Mr. Bruce, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Rizer, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Ogden, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the old road leading from Randall's-town to George Beams's, commonly called The Liberty-town Road; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Colmore Duvall, of Prince George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Lancaster and Cæcil counties, praying that a road may be opened from the head of the canal to intersect the state line on the land of the heirs of Alexander Ewing, deceased, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Porter, Mr. Moffit and Mr. Cox, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Pyle, and others, of Harford county, praying a public road may be opened from William Pyle's saw-mill on Deer creek, to intersect a road leading from William Clark's ford to said creek, at