

Hood	Kirby, of Q. Anne's
Mercer	Spence
Weems	Hearn
Duke	Gilliss
Carpenter	Willis
Dulany	Annan
Spalding	Duvall
Brown	Gough
Carroll, of Balt. co.	Carter
Hambleton	Turner
Dudley	Hardcastle
Bruff	Beam
Mulliken	Gittings
Dennis	Darby
Traverse	Trundle—46

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Gantt, Speaker	Boyd
Miller	Sutton
Wailes	Nelson
Ely	Burchenal
Winder	Richardson
Long	McLean
Teackle	Wharton
Jones	Newcomer
McCullough	Brookhaft
Nowland	McMahon
Townsend	Matthews
Henderson	Berry
Larrimore	Frantz—27
Shriver	

Mr. Heard, chairman of the committee on the coloured population, delivered the following report:

The committee on the coloured population to whom was referred, an order of the house instructing them to enquire into the propriety of requiring free persons of color to renew annually, their certificates of freedom, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report,

That they deem it inexpedient to recommend any further legislation on that subject, believing as they do, that the law as it now is, is sufficient; and believing that a provision in accordance with the above requisition, would be productive of confusion in consequence of the multiplied number of certificates of freedom which would necessarily be issued, and might afford facilities to slaves of absconding, by procuring the papers of free persons, and passing themselves