

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable,

The House of Delegates of Maryland:

The memorial of Sprigg Harwood respectfully represents that, at the election held on the seventh of November, 1865, he was a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit court for Anne Arundel county; that at said election he received the highest number of votes cast in said county for the office aforesaid, and was duly declared elected thereto by the return Judges of said election, and was duly commissioned by the Governor of Maryland as Clerk of the Circuit court for Anne Arundel county; that on the twentieth day of November, 1865, he was duly sworn and qualified as Clerk as aforesaid, his bond, as required by law, having been duly executed and approved; and that he has since that time acted, and is now acting, as such Clerk and performing the duties of that office.

Your memorialist further represents, that a certain George E. Gambrill, who was also a candidate for said office, has presented a memorial to your Honorable Body, contesting the election of your memorialist and claiming the said office for himself.

The said Gambrill in his memorial charges that your memorialist was, at the time of said election, and is now, ineligible to the said office:

1st. Because he (*i. e.* your memorialist,) was then, and from the November election, 1864, had been a Senator of Maryland, representing said county (*i. e.* Anne Arundel county,) in the Legislature; and at the January session, 1865, during said term, the profits of the office of Clerk of the Circuit court had been increased in different respects by laws passed by the said Legislature at their January session, 1865, and especially by the passage of the Act of 1865, chapter 181, in reference to the issuing of licenses by Clerks of the Circuit court to persons to catch oysters, which increased the fees, commissions and profits of the Clerk of the Circuit court for Anne Arundel county to a considerable extent, and he is advised that by section 16, Article 3 of the