

Bayne,
Billingsley,
Briscoe,

Harrison,
Lynch,
Smith,

Whitaker,
Willis—13.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Blackiston,
Denison,

Goldsborough, of
Dorchester,

Heckart,
Lankford—5.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication :

WHEREAS, on the second day of January last, a communication was addressed to the Honorable Henry H. Goldsborough, President of the Senate of Maryland, and sent by Col. Dimmick, Commandant at Fort Warren, to be by him sent to the Secretary of State; and whereas, the same communication, by some means did not reach its destination, and it is due that the same should be communicated, in justification of the position assumed by the Senator of Baltimore county;

It is, therefore, unanimously

Ordered, that the same be placed on the Journal of the Senate:

FORT WARREN, BOSTON HARBOR,
January 2d, 1862.

To the President of the Senate of Maryland:

SIR:—On the third of December, 1861, I addressed you a communication to be laid before the Senate, in regard to the causes of my absence from my seat. I perceive by the newspapers, that my letter was transmitted to the State department of the United States, and having been forwarded to you by Mr. Seward, was presented to the Senate, and referred to the committee on Federal Relations. I regretted, and was surprised to learn from the same sources, that the Senate had adjourned to its regular Session, without having acted upon the matter, and indeed without having received any report from the committee. I deem it now proper to inform the Senate, that on the day on which the communication last mentioned, was mailed by me, and after it had been forwarded, I was presented by Col. Dimmick, the Commandant of this post, with a copy of a letter from Mr. Seward, instructing him to release me upon my taking what is called "the oath of allegiance," and resigning my seat as a member of the Senate of Maryland. I enclose herewith a copy of the Secretary's order, (marked A,) for the information of the