

**Chronology of Action on the Part of The United States to  
Complete Retrocession of Alexandria County  
(Arlington County) to Virginia**

*By Harrison Mann*

On December 7, 1846, William Smith, Governor of Virginia, stated in his message to the General Assembly:

The last legislature, by act passed February 3rd, 1846, having agreed to accept the recession of the town and county of Alexandria, so soon as the Congress of the United States shall by law give their assent thereto,—and it appearing that the Congress of the United States has given such assent, and that every preliminary condition and formality has been strictly observed, nothing now remains to effectuate the retrocession of the said county, but for you to provide by law for the extension of our jurisdiction over it. I herewith communicate the official papers connected with this important acquisition, consisting of the letter of the commissioners to me, under date of 3rd September 1846, communicating certain documents in relation thereto; also upon the same subject, a letter from the President of the United States, under date of 7th September 1846, with a list of accompanying papers, numbered 1 to 8, inclusive.

The papers accompanying this message are set forth in full in the Journal of the House of Delegates for the session of 1846-47. In his message to Governor Smith on September 7th, 1846, President Polk said, "As a perpetual testimony of this important and interesting transaction, I transmit herewith copies authenticated under the seal of the Department of State, of the Act of Congress of July 9th, 1846, of my appointment of the five citizens and freeholders as commissioners, of their statement of the polls and communication thereof to me, and of my proclamation issued that day.

"These documents will furnish to the State of Virginia a complete record of the several acts required, and essential to the retrocession of the county and town of Alexandria to the Commonwealth of Virginia."

The list of the accompanying papers is as follows:

**LIST OF ACCOMPANYING PAPERS**

1. Authenticated copy of act of congress of July 9, 1846.
2. Authenticated copy of commission from the president of the United States to Robert Brockett and others.

3. Authenticated copy of oaths of office of said commissioners.
4. Authenticated copy of public notice given by said commissioners in two newspapers published in Alexandria.
5. Authenticated copy of letter to the president of the United States from Robert Brockett and others, transmitting the result of the poll held by them.
6. Authenticated copy of a resolution of said commissioners.
7. Authenticated copy of the result of the poll aforesaid, and other proceedings held by the said commissioners, as transmitted by them to the president of the United States by Robert Brockett, one of their number.
8. Authenticated copy of the president's proclamation.

In the light of subsequent developments, the "Whereas" clause of the Act of Congress of July 9, 1846, referred to above, is interesting. It provided:

"Whereas, no more territory ought to be held under the exclusive legislation given to congress over the district which is the seat of the general government than may be necessary and proper for the purposes of such a seat; and whereas, experience hath shewn that the portion of the District Columbia ceded to the United States by the state of Virginia has not been, nor is ever likely to be, necessary for that purpose; and whereas, the state of Virginia, by an act passed on the third of February, eighteen hundred and forty-six, entitled 'an act accepting by the state of Virginia the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, when the same shall be receded by the congress of the United States,' hath signified her willingness to take back the said territory ceded as aforesaid."

The Act then provided that the assent of the people of the area should be determined before it was retroceded to Virginia. The President was directed to appoint 5 commissioners, citizens and freeholders of the county or town of Alexandria, who were to take a vote within the town or county and give notice thereof in the newspapers of the town. The vote was to be viva voce and all free white male citizens, who had been residents for 6 months, were entitled to vote.

On August 17, 1846, President Polk named Robert Brockett, George W. P. Custis, George H. Smoot, George W. D. Ramsay, and James Roach\* as Commissioners. The Commission, on August 26, proceeded to advertise in the "Alexandria Gazette and Virginia Advertiser" the taking of the poll on Tuesday the first and Wednesday the second day of September, 1846, between 10 A.M. and 6 P.M. at the court house of the county. A similar advertisement appeared in the "Southern Churchman" on August 28th.

\* This is the James Roach who resided at Prospect Hill, located at 1230 South Arlington Ridge Road.

The vote was taken on September 1st and 2nd, and on September 3rd the Commissioners directed Robert Brockett to lay before the President a statement of the poll.

The list of votes taken was as follows:

### FOR RETROCESSION

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|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 William Veitch,      | 49 Sam'l R. Adams,      | 97 Cha's Crawford,        |
| 2 Geo. Davis,          | 50 Geo. Swain           | 98 Emanuel V. Francis,    |
| 3 Geo. Johnson         | 51 John S. Grubb,       | 99 Geo. W. Wiley,         |
| 4 John T. Johnston,    | 52 Rudolph Massey,      | 100 Thos. Bunage,         |
| 5 Alex'r Lammond,      | 53 Daniel Shryer,       | 101 Charles C. Berry,     |
| 6 Rich'd A. Hill,      | 54 William Campbell,    | 102 Geo. Tatsapaugh,      |
| 7 Lewis M'Kenzie,      | 55 James J. Major,      | 103 Wm. H. Fowle,         |
| 8 Joseph Eaches,       | 56 Stephen Field,       | 104 Abel D. Warfield,     |
| 9 Fred. A. Koones,     | 57 Wm. Arthur Taylor,   | 105 Charles L. Neale,     |
| 10 Francis J. Murphy,  | 58 James M'Kenzie,      | 106 A. B. Crupper,        |
| 11 Samuel Lunt,        | 59 William S. Johnston, | 107 Wm. W. Adam,          |
| 12 William Arnold,     | 60 John F. Dyer,        | 108 Stephen Kent,         |
| 13 Jacob H. Wilson,    | 61 James M. Stewart,    | 109 Dougald M'Eacharine,  |
| 14 Geo. Bryan,         | 62 John Leadbeater,     | 110 Ebenezer Bacon,       |
| 15 Christian Shafer,   | 63 Somerset W. Aubinoe, | 111 Jas. P. Boyd,         |
| 16 Francis L. Smith,   | 64 Francis K. Davidson, | 112 Jas. H. Devaughn,     |
| 17 James Irwin,        | 65 William H. Shirley,  | 113 John A. Rinaldo,      |
| 18 Robt. M. Larmour,   | 66 Edw'd S. Plummer,    | 114 John B. Daingerfield, |
| 19 John D. Lakenan,    | 67 Robt. Ferguson,      | 115 Henry B. Clagett,     |
| 20 John West,          | 68 John F. M. Lowe,     | 116 Wm. Page,             |
| 21 Geo. J. Thomas,     | 69 Andrew Jamieson,     | 117 Chs. S. Price,        |
| 22 Edward Burchell,    | 70 Turner W. Ashby,     | 118 Thos. Butler,         |
| 23 Joseph M'Evoy,      | 71 John Moody,          | 119 John Howard,          |
| 24 Robt. Jamieson,     | 72 Robert Young,        | 120 Edw. P. Powell,       |
| 25 John Tatsapaugh,    | 73 Tho's Slatford,      | 121 Geo. T. Howard,       |
| 26 George Plain,       | 74 William Davis,       | 122 John L. Smith,        |
| 27 Jas. W. Sears,      | 75 Ben'j'n Thomas,      | 123 Richard H. Hall,      |
| 28 John Wood,          | 76 Edward Sheehy,       | 124 Samuel Solomon,       |
| 29 Jas. P. Middleton,  | 77 Rich'd H. Gemeny,    | 125 Joseph Padgett,       |
| 30 Jacob Piles,        | 78 Ben'j'n H. Jenkins,  | 126 Wm. H. Marbury,       |
| 31 Sidney W. Smith,    | 79 Ben'j'n Greenwood,   | 127 Jos. K. Plant,        |
| 32 Peter G. Uhler,     | 80 Reuben Zimmerman,    | 128 Robt. P. Andrews,     |
| 33 Robt. T. Ramsay,    | 81 Jonah H. Davis,      | 129 John Boyer,           |
| 34 Cha's B. Shirley,   | 82 Bernard C. Crook,    | 130 Henry Mansfield,      |
| 35 John Norris,        | 83 William B. Price,    | 131 John Johnson,         |
| 36 John Thompson,      | 84 Wm. F. Padgett,      | 132 David Appich,         |
| 37 Cha's W. Violet,    | 85 Wm. D. Nutt,         | 133 Gotlieb Appich,       |
| 38 David B. Smith,     | 86 Nehemiah Hicks,      | 134 John Kell,            |
| 39 Sam'l J. M'Cormick, | 87 Geo. G. Harper,      | 135 Thos. Whittington,    |
| 40 John A. Rudd,       | 88 Jas. E. Mankin,      | 136 Reuben Berry,         |
| 41 Robt. W. Davis,     | 89 Jas. Fossett,        | 137 Austin C. Heaton,     |
| 42 Tho's M. M'Cormick, | 90 Ezra R. Keefer,      | 138 Samuel N. Chipley,    |
| 43 Charles W. Wattles, | 91 Isaac Buckingham,    | 139 Peter C. Claughton,   |
| 44 Joseph Crook,       | 92 Lemuel Robey,        | 140 Enoch Grymes,         |
| 45 Jas. H. Claridge,   | 93 J. Edward Immohr,    | 141 Jos. Nightingale,     |
| 46 Joseph Harris,      | 94 Sam'l Sanderson,     | 142 Geo. M'Clish,         |
| 47 Albert G. Newton,   | 95 Benj. Riston,        | 143 James Guy,            |
| 48 Jas. T. Jenkins,    | 96 Joseph Nevitt,       | 144 Isaac Kell,           |

## FOR RETROCESSION

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 145 Jno. B. Hancock,    | 199 Jas. Stoops,         | 253 John P. Clarke,       |
| 146 Wm. Steams,         | 200 Jas. H. Chatham,     | 254 Wm. H. M'Knight,      |
| 147 Edw. Davis,         | 201 Jno. Cohagan,        | 255 Jas. Nightingale,     |
| 148 Chapman Hall,       | 202 Bartholomew Delphy,  | 256 John T. Phillips,     |
| 149 Jas. Quaid,         | 203 Henry Baker,         | 257 John Howell,          |
| 150 Jas. Entwisle,      | 204 Benj. Hewes,         | 258 Joseph Grimes,        |
| 151 John T. Thompson,   | 205 Joseph H. Miller,    | 259 Fitzhugh Ward,        |
| 152 Jas. D. Kerr,       | 206 Jas. F. Carlin,      | 260 Wm. L. Powell,        |
| 153 John Ward,          | 207 Thos. Darley,        | 261 Geo. W. Harris,       |
| 154 Anthony M'Lean,     | 208 Aquila Emerson,      | 262 Benj. G. Waters,      |
| 155 John Waddy,         | 209 Henry L. Simpson,    | 263 Richard B. Alexander, |
| 156 Joseph Gregg,       | 210 Zach. Wright,        | 264 Cornelius Greenwell,  |
| 157 Thomas Johnson,     | 211 Geo. C. Hewes,       | 265 John O. Warner,       |
| 158 John T. Devaughn,   | 212 Geo. W. Foreman,     | 266 Wm. L. Ghiselen,      |
| 159 Wm. A. Mead,        | 213 John Bryan,          | 267 Henry Bontz,          |
| 160 H. B. Whittington,  | 214 Martin Jocetter,     | 268 John D. Harrison,     |
| 161 Charles Kummer,     | 215 Wm. R. Massey,       | 269 Jas. C. Clarke,       |
| 162 Jesse Sherwood,     | 216 Edwin F. Tatsapaugh, | 270 John W. Clarke,       |
| 163 Joseph H. Larmour,  | 217 Joseph H. Glover,    | 271 Henry Chatham,        |
| 164 Wm. J. Mills,       | 218 William Hipkins,     | 272 Geo. W. Glasscock,    |
| 165 Richard M. Bell,    | 219 Lewis Hipkins,       | 273 Wm. D. Walker,        |
| 166 John M'Cormick, jr. | 220 Chas. W. Noland,     | 274 Jos. B. M'Corkle,     |
| 167 Jas. S. Hollowell,  | 221 Samuel O. Baggett,   | 275 Geo. Blish,           |
| 168 Samuel H. Devaughn, | 222 Edwin R. Violett,    | 276 Charles M. Taylor,    |
| 169 John W. Padgett,    | 223 Josiah B. Hills,     | 277 John W. Campbell,     |
| 170 Geo. L. Deaton,     | 224 Michael German,      | 278 Jas. B. Lewis,        |
| 171 Geo. A. Wise,       | 225 Thomas H. Payne,     | 279 Chas. A. Alexander,   |
| 172 Robt. B. Brashear,  | 226 John T. Hunter,      | 280 Law. B. Taylor,       |
| 173 John S. Sherwood,   | 227 Geo. White,          | 281 Edgar Snowden,        |
| 174 Mark L. Penn,       | 228 Wm. B. Entwisle,     | 282 Robt. H. Miller,      |
| 175 Robert Nash,        | 229 Wm. C. Huffington,   | 283 J. O. C. Hoskins,     |
| 176 Fras. X. Manley,    | 230 Harrison Jacobs,     | 284 Alex. Arnold,         |
| 177 Wm. W. Chrisman,    | 231 Julius G. Swain,     | 285 John T. Young,        |
| 178 Jabez Wheeler,      | 232 John T. Weeks,       | 286 Isaac Wood,           |
| 179 Robt. J. Smith,     | 233 Wesley Summers,      | 287 John H. Janney,       |
| 180 Nathaniel Wells,    | 234 Wm. Robey,           | 288 Thompson Tyler,       |
| 181 Samuel H. Janney,   | 235 Jas. Hutchinson,     | 289 Thomas Sanford,       |
| 182 Wm. Darley,         | 236 Richard H. Stabler,  | 290 Robt. F. Prettyman,   |
| 183 Gilmore Noland,     | 237 Wm. H. Jenkins,      | 291 Mont. D. Corse,       |
| 184 John A. Field,      | 238 Henry Hansman,       | 292 Jacob L. Clapdore,    |
| 185 Lewis Joveless,     | 239 Robt. A. Jackson,    | 293 John Adam,            |
| 186 Richard Y. Cross,   | 240 Benedict C. Milburn, | 294 Stephen Shinn,        |
| 187 Hez. W. Patton,     | 241 Wm. N. Brown,        | 295 Robert Crupper,       |
| 188 Jas. Martin,        | 242 Caleb S. Hollowell,  | 296 James Phillips,       |
| 189 Wm. A. Manley,      | 243 George H. Duffey,    | 297 Stephen Swain,        |
| 190 Chs. B. Hellam,     | 244 William Hall,        | 298 Thos. Taylor,         |
| 191 Jona. Cartwright,   | 245 Isaac Entwisle,      | 299 Peter E. Hoffman,     |
| 192 Francis Keys,       | 246 John Stevenson,      | 300 John M. Magar,        |
| 193 Wm. B. King,        | 247 John Riston,         | 301 John H. Brooke,       |
| 194 John W. King,       | 248 Thos. L. Skinner,    | 302 H. F. Zimmerman,      |
| 195 Samuel Evans,       | 249 Henry Boyer,         | 303 John T. Creighton,    |
| 196 Geo. W. Maxwell,    | 250 John T. Evans,       | 304 Jas. H. Wheatley,     |
| 197 John Hall,          | 251 John W. Rudd,        | 305 Wm. H. Muir,          |
| 198 John Webster,       | 252 Thos. M'Cormick,     | 306 Jos. H. Davis, jr.    |

## FOR RETROCESSION

- 307 Maris Taylor,  
 308 Wm. C. Yeaton,  
 309 Peter G. Henderson,  
 310 Edw. C. Howell,  
 311 Jacob Bontz,  
 312 Edward Clarkson,  
 313 Jas. Carroll,  
 314 Jas. Douglas,  
 315 R. Stewart Douglas,  
 316 John Johnson,  
 317 Chas. Scott,  
 318 Joseph M'Lean,  
 319 Peter Davis,  
 320 John Charles,  
 321 Jas. S. Dudley,  
 322 John Graham,  
 323 Robert L. Brockett,  
 324 Thos. Smith,  
 325 E. G. Sutherland,  
 326 John P. Hall,  
 327 Wm. B. Brown,  
 328 Monroe Harris,  
 329 Edward Clarke,  
 330 John P. Whitmore,  
 331 Jas. T. Rudd,  
 332 Wm. Atwell,  
 333 Wm. A. Weaver,  
 334 Joshua Sprague,  
 335 M. P. Corse,  
 336 B. T. Plummer,  
 337 Jno. Shackelford,  
 338 Geo. L. Sherwood,  
 339 Henry Caddis,  
 340 Robert Williams,  
 341 Jas. W. Graham,  
 342 Robt. H. Wade,  
 343 Thos. Kell,  
 344 Wm. H. Irwin,  
 345 Saml. Miller,  
 346 John C. Phillips,  
 347 John Hart,  
 348 Nathan Kell,  
 349 John T. Drowns,  
 350 Geo. R. Adams,  
 351 Wm. A. Dean,  
 352 Thos. M. White,  
 353 Wesley Avery,  
 354 Jas. Robinson,  
 355 Jos. C. Sherwood,  
 356 Ellis L. Price,  
 357 John H. Tatsapaugh,  
 358 Stephen Woolls,  
 359 Wm. Gregory,  
 360 John T. Audley,  
 361 S. King Shay,  
 362 John H. Brent,  
 363 Jas. C. Goods,  
 364 John Muir,  
 365 John Adams,  
 366 Judson Mitchell,  
 367 John L. Pascoe,  
 368 Chas. Mankin,  
 369 David Williams,  
 370 Wm. H. Coxen,  
 371 Wm. Webster,  
 372 Wm. Jefferson,  
 373 Thos. H. Hopwood,  
 374 Jas. Jefferson,  
 375 Henry Tarlton,  
 376 Benj. Goings,  
 377 Thos. B. Creightor.,  
 378 John T. Mankin,  
 379 Nathl. Beach,  
 380 Francis Lane,  
 381 Fredk. Vaccari,  
 382 R. E. Buchanan,  
 383 Wm. H. Nowell,  
 384 Danl. Cawood,  
 385 Robert Tomlin,  
 386 John H. Cash,  
 387 John Greenwood,  
 388 David Allen,  
 389 John Feddon,  
 390 Nath. Goodhand,  
 391 Henry T. Thompson,  
 392 Jas. T. Ball,  
 393 Jas. Spinks,  
 394 Charles T. Stuart,  
 395 Aaron D. Harmon,  
 396 Jacob Roxbury,  
 397 Wm. T. Watkins,  
 398 John S. Ratcliffe,  
 399 William Fowle,  
 400 Hugh Smith,  
 401 Albert N. Mills,  
 402 Jeremiah West,  
 403 James H. Picken,  
 404 John J. Proctor,  
 405 William P. Veitch,  
 406 Robt. L. Murray,  
 407 Wm. M. Johnson,  
 408 Ernst Sherman,  
 409 Townsend Baggett,  
 410 Henry Lawrence,  
 411 Sidney Smith Lee,  
 412 Wm. R. Campbell,  
 413 Wash. L. Bodkin,  
 414 Joseph Tarman,  
 415 Thomas Boggett,  
 416 Thos. M. Maccubbin,  
 417 Gilbert Simpson,  
 418 Samuel A. Lewis,  
 419 William Hutchins,  
 420 Geo. C. Barton,  
 421 Jas. B. Hall,  
 422 Silas M. Wilkins,  
 423 Geo. Headley,  
 424 William Noland,  
 425 Archibald Fleming,  
 426 James E. Smoot,  
 427 William A. Sisson,  
 428 James H. Grubb,  
 429 Samuel Reese,  
 430 Thomas Jacobs,  
 431 Francis Tatterson,  
 432 James Green,  
 433 Philip Grimes,  
 434 Harrison Bradley,  
 435 Robert Johnson,  
 436 John D. Javins,  
 437 Reid Cross,  
 438 William Devaughn,  
 439 Newman Cross,  
 440 Edward Jacobs,  
 441 Saml. Tucker,  
 442 William J. Boothe,  
 443 Wells A. Harper,  
 444 George C. Harvey,  
 445 Benjamin Cawood,  
 446 Stephen Ball,  
 447 Theodore Stallings,  
 448 James G. House,  
 449 James W. Nalls,  
 450 Samuel Tension,  
 451 Harrision Kirk,  
 452 Daniel F. Hooe,  
 453 William Morgan, sr.  
 454 Willam Ellis,  
 455 Walter Harris,  
 456 Thomas E. Baird,  
 457 William Woolls,  
 458 Wm. Edw. Drake,  
 459 Rob. W. Wheat,  
 460 Wm. R. Ball,  
 461 Hugh Latham,  
 462 Christopher C. Bradley,  
 463 John Kerr,  
 464 Robert G. Violett,  
 465 Townsend D. Fendall,  
 466 Henry Cryss,  
 467 John L. Strider,  
 468 Christian Hymandering.

## FOR RETROCESSION

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 469 Moses F. A. Cawood,  | 523 John R. Mills,       | 576 William W. Hoxton,    |
| 470 Elijah Horseman,     | 524 Samuel Simmons,      | 577 Peter Hewitt,         |
| 471 Richard C. Smith,    | 525 John W. Violet,      | 578 Jesse C. Green,       |
| 472 John Arnold,         | 526 James Gregg,         | 579 Francis A. Chipley,   |
| 473 John Swallow,        | 527 Robert N. Windsor,   | 580 George W. Walker,     |
| 474 Alfred Jacobs,       | 528 John D. Corse,       | 581 John T. Ballinger,    |
| 475 Albert Norris,       | 529 William Woodyear,    | 582 John T. Armstrong,    |
| 476 William Woolls, jr.  | 530 Thomas Norfleet,     | 583 William B. Richards,  |
| 477 William Jewell, jr.  | 531 John W. Jefferson,   | 584 Edward Green,         |
| 478 Joseph W. Sewell,    | 532 William G. Cazenove, | 585 Richard Rotchford,    |
| 479 Basil Waring,        | 533 Daniel Bryan,        | 586 Henry Bringle,        |
| 480 John E. Henderson,   | 534 John J. Blue,        | 587 John R. Pierpoint,    |
| 481 John E. Hurst,       | 535 Alfred Blue,         | 588 William Brown,        |
| 482 John Ball,           | 536 James Sheehy,        | 589 Edward Short,         |
| 483 Joseph Gregg, jr.    | 537 Hanson Day,          | 590 George E. French,     |
| 484 John L. Albuy,       | 538 John E. Owen,        | 591 Henry Tatsapaugh,     |
| 485 James Vansant,       | 539 Edward C. Fletcher,  | 592 Walter A. Piles,      |
| 486 William W. Harper,   | 540 Andrew Kitchen,      | 593 Benjamin H. Lambert,  |
| 487 William Mankin,      | 541 William Coleman,     | 594 Thomas L. Luckett,    |
| 488 John D. Brown,       | 542 Henry B. Williams,   | 595 Robert A. Green,      |
| 489 William N. Mills,    | 543 Isaac Winston,       | 596 Ferdinand Reynolds,   |
| 490 John T. Williams,    | 544 Lewis Sherwood,      | 597 Douglass Sears,       |
| 491 William Mullin,      | 545 William Harper,      | 598 James H. M'Veigh,     |
| 492 Francis M. Weadon,   | 546 John Newton Harper,  | 599 James Dempsey,        |
| 493 William R. Howard,   | 547 Jeremiah Franks,     | 600 Thomas W. Smith,      |
| 494 George W. Nelson,    | 548 William Lehman,      | 601 Franklin Taylor,      |
| 495 Hugh C. Smith,       | 549 John W. Smith,       | 602 Christ'r Mothershead, |
| 496 Henry Cook,          | 550 Charles H. Moore,    | 603 Franklin L. Brockett, |
| 497 William Dewey,       | 551 John W. Skidmore,    | 604 Philip Sitler,        |
| 498 David Bangs,         | 552 Peyton Clarke,       | 605 Hiram Reese,          |
| 499 Alfred Dunham,       | 553 Anthony C. Cazenove, | 606 Thomas Waring,        |
| 500 J. Humphrey M'Veigh, | 554 Robert Hunter,       | 607 Peyton Crouch,        |
| 501 Charles Hawkins,     | 555 Thomas Hart,         | 608 Robert Bell,          |
| 502 Joseph Atwell,       | 556 James Griffin,       | 609 John M'Cormick, sen.  |
| 503 Newlin W. Barker,    | 557 John Craven,         | 610 Aquila Lockwood,      |
| 504 Jonathan Travilla,   | 558 Peter W. Simpson,    | 611 Thomas Hatcher,       |
| 505 William N. Rowe,     | 559 William Bayne,       | 612 John Jamieson,        |
| 506 Lewis Ticer,         | 560 John T. B. Perry,    | 613 Anthony P. Gover,     |
| 507 Luther M. M'Cormick, | 561 George H. Bayne,     | 614 John T. Ball,         |
| 508 James R. Riddle,     | 562 Samuel Lindsay,      | 615 Thomas A. Waters,     |
| 509 William Scott,       | 563 James Harris,        | 616 John Douglass,        |
| 510 Andrew J. Franks,    | 564 Slighter S. Monroe,  | 617 John H. Shields,      |
| 511 William Lloyd,       | 565 William W. Rock,     | 618 James T. Taylor,      |
| 512 Henry Holt,          | 566 John Higdon,         | 619 Frederick W. Fisher,  |
| 513 Benjamin Fugitt,     | 567 James T. Monroe,     | 620 John Dugan,           |
| 514 James T. Crump,      | 568 Thomas Edelen,       | 621 John A. Dixon,        |
| 515 John Lawson,         | 569 James A. Javins,     | 622 John T. Edd,          |
| 516 Edgar L. Brockett,   | 570 Martin G. Nalls,     | 623 Charles C. Smoot,     |
| 517 Thomas Marbury,      | 571 John Shakes,         | 624 William Price,        |
| 518 Matthew Baird,       | 572 Edwin T. Allen,      | 625 William Mills,        |
| 519 William Phillips,    | 573 Benj. F. Dudley,     | 626 Orlando Fairfax,      |
| 520 Washington C. Page,  | 574 Andrew Sullivan,     | 627 John Lloyd,           |
| 521 John H. Taylor,      | 575 John Wrenn,          | 628 John Green,           |
| 522 Samuel Isaacs,       |                          | 629 Samuel H. Williams,   |

## FOR RETROCESSION

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 630 William Mershon,       | 675 Thomas H. Lathrom,    | 720 Fletcher Hodgkin,    |
| 631 Geo. W. Johnston,      | 676 John W. Easby,        | 721 Richard Wright,      |
| 632 Charles B. Unruh,      | 677 Isaac Trunnell,       | 722 Frederick Studds,    |
| 633 John Moore,            | 678 John T. Crampsey,     | 723 Jesse Spencer,       |
| 634 Mark M. Mankin,        | 679 Wm. P. Collingsworth, | 724 James Fugitt,        |
| 635 John Manery,           | 680 Charles Stewart,      | 725 William Pomeroy,     |
| 636 John Kelly,            | 681 Douglas Wood,         | 726 John L. Boyer,       |
| 637 Patrick Gallagher,     | 682 William Burgess,      | 727 William C. Richards, |
| 638 Walter B. Chew,        | 683 Richard Robinson,     | 728 Kinsey Griffith,     |
| 639 Jonathan Ward,         | 684 Gustavus Fugitt,      | 729 Philip B. Vernon,    |
| 640 John Summers,          | 685 William C. Spillman,  | 730 William A. Davis,    |
| 641 James W. Simpson,      | 686 Joseph C. Carson,     | 731 Robert J. Edelen,    |
| 642 James Irvin,           | 687 Willam Welsh,         | 732 John H. Kidwell,     |
| 643 Farrell Kinslow,       | 688 William Ward,         | 733 Richard L. Carne,    |
| 644 Edward Mansfield,      | 689 Barthol'w Cranston.   | 734 Albert S. Willis,    |
| 645 Michael Noland,        | 690 Henry Miffleton,      | 735 William Demain,      |
| 646 Edward P. Upton,       | 691 John S. Walker,       | 736 John Slater,         |
| 647 Michael Farrell,       | 692 Henry Berry,          | 737 William H. Burgess,  |
| 648 Elihu H. Stanton,      | 693 George Berry,         | 738 Thomas Merchant,     |
| 649 Charles G. Wildman,    | 694 James Walker,         | 739 John M. Graham,      |
| 650 Charles Koonas,        | 695 Benjamin Adams,       | 740 James L. Henderson,  |
| 651 Samuel J. Burns,       | 696 Charles P. Shaw,      | 741 Edward Jones,        |
| 652 William Boswell,       | 697 John M. Monroe,       | 742 John Hill,           |
| 653 David House,           | 698 John J. Montague,     | 743 John T. Dix,         |
| 654 John Eveleth,          | 699 George Javins,        | 744 Wm. Ward, (cartman,) |
| 655 Geo. H. Markell,       | 700 Charles Veitch,       | 745 Theodore Meade,      |
| 656 William C. Johnston,   | 701 James N. Closter,     | 746 George M'Laughlin,   |
| 657 Peter R. Beverley,     | 702 John Nightingale,     | 747 James Price,         |
| 658 William Egan,          | 703 William H. Clagett,   | 748 William S. Moore,    |
| 659 Nathaniel Wattles,     | 704 William Palmer,       | 749 William Morgan, jr.  |
| 660 John Dixon,            | 705 Thomas Webster,       | 750 Edward S. Hough,     |
| 661 Thomas Smith, (pilot,) | 706 Francis Garcia,       | 751 Reuben Johnston,     |
| 662 Thompson Javins,       | 707 Joseph H. Hampson,    | 752 Daniel A. Veitch,    |
| 663 John M. Johnson,       | 708 Samuel Markell,       | 753 Robert Brockett,     |
| 664 Wm. H. Geisendaffer,   | 709 James W. Atkinson,    | 754 George H. Smoot,     |
| 665 John Creighton,        | 710 John F. Scott,        | 755 James Roach,         |
| 666 John H. Baggett,       | 711 James Fitzgerald,     | 756 Geo. W. D. Ramsay,   |
| 667 Elias W. Kincheloe,    | 712 John D. Shields,      | 757 Dennis R. Blacklock, |
| 668 Joseph Maskell,        | 713 Wm. H. Devaughn,      | 758 Hillary Birch,       |
| 669 William Bladen,        | 714 Robert Taylor,        | 759 Wm. C. Reynolds,     |
| 670 Robert Munro,          | 715 Wm. H. Markley,       | 760 Moses Fleming,       |
| 671 Joseph G. Carr,        | 716 Wm. D. Massey,        | 761 Charles M'Knight,    |
| 672 Robert Sheehy,         | 717 Thomas Travers,       | 762 Theophilus Noland,   |
| 673 James Cole,            | 718 Thomas C. Rice,       | 763 Henry Sanford,       |
| 674 William H. Jenkins,    | 719 Robert Hodgkin,       | 764 Joseph Taylor.       |

## AGAINST RETROCESSION

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| 1 Robt. H. Donaldson,  | 6 Lucien Payton,     | 11 Wm. A. Wharton,  |
| 2 John Grubb,          | 7 William T. Taylor, | 12 Joseph Cawood,   |
| 3 Alex. Veitch,        | 8 Geo. Pettit,       | 13 Geo. H. Blunden, |
| 4 Jesse T. Ramsay,     | 9 Richard A. Rudd,   | 14 Wm. J. Reese,    |
| 5 Matthias Snyder, sr. | 10 Thos. Burns,      | 15 T. C. Donaldson, |

## AGAINST RETROCESSION

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| 16 M. O. B. Cawood,      | 69 John Birch,            | 122 Jesse Skidmore,      |
| 17 Jno. E. Evans,        | 70 Samuel Cossine,        | 123 Wm. Bolling,         |
| 18 Horatio Ball,         | 71 Thos. Tucker,          | 124 Henry M. Angel,      |
| 19 Edw. Smyth,           | 72 Wm. E. Harris,         | 125 John T. Thrift,      |
| 20 Samuel Jefferson,     | 73 Samuel Birch,          | 126 Joseph Bladen,       |
| 21 Edw. Green, (huxter,) | 74 Stephen Robinson,      | 127 Jas. Howard,         |
| 22 Wm. P. Bloxham,       | 75 Wm. Birch,             | 128 Geo. W. Thomson,     |
| 23 Geo. Duffy,           | 76 Wm. Simmons,           | 129 Robert Mills,        |
| 24 H. J. Chiles,         | 77 Jacob Howard,          | 130 Dan'l Mills,         |
| 25 Jno. Bontz, jr.       | 78 Hezekiah Sherwood,     | 131 J. W. Hollinsbury,   |
| 26 Peter Coxen,          | 79 Sept. Brown,           | 132 Lewis E. Skidmore,   |
| 27 David H. Walker,      | 80 Jared Skidmore,        | 133 John Thrift,         |
| 28 John E. F. Carlin,    | 81 Jas. Massey,           | 134 John Hollinsbury,    |
| 29 John Reed,            | 82 Samuel Birch,          | 135 Caleb Birch, jr.     |
| 30 Robt. Birch,          | 83 Benj. F. Weedon,       | 136 Quentin Barker,      |
| 31 Augustus Bladen,      | 84 Wm. Massey,            | 137 Jas. Robinson,       |
| 32 Wm. Anderson,         | 85 Wm. Devine,            | 138 Matthias Snyder, jr. |
| 33 John Southard,        | 86 Noah Drummond,         | 139 Henry Somers,        |
| 34 John S. Peyton,       | 87 John S. Drummond,      | 140 Henry A. Ferguson,   |
| 35 John B. Carson,       | 88 Thos. Cawood,          | 141 Charles F. Cox,      |
| 36 Thos. Simmons,        | 89 John Churchman,        | 142 Jas. Buchanan,       |
| 37 John B. Bladen,       | 90 Wm. Massey,            | 143 E. J. Oxley,         |
| 38 Richard Southern,     | 91 John Arrington,        | 144 Levi Murray,         |
| 39 John Bladen,          | 92 John R. Rundell,       | 145 William Allison,     |
| 40 Wm. H. Prentiss,      | 93 Judson King,           | 146 James Patterson,     |
| 41 James Langton,        | 94 Nicholas Febry,        | 147 George Wise,         |
| 42 John T. Jefferson,    | 95 Robt. Donaldson,       | 148 Joseph Birch,        |
| 43 Wm. P. Taylor,        | 96 John G. Goings,        | 149 Nath'l Mulliken,     |
| 44 Andrew A. Ball,       | 97 Jas. W. Boswell,       | 150 Ben'j'n Welsh,       |
| 45 Wm. Elliot,           | 98 Jas. Albritton,        | 151 William Pollard,     |
| 46 Andrew J. Walker,     | 99 David Walker,          | 152 Henry Dye,           |
| 47 Resin P. Taylor,      | 100 John Donaldson,       | 153 Francis L. B. Lloyd, |
| 48 Edw. Deeble,          | 101 Augustine Bladen, jr. | 154 Joseph Cash,         |
| 49 John Birch,           | 102 Benj. Barton.         | 155 Thomas Penn,         |
| 50 Thos. Mattingley,     | 103 James Carson,         | 156 William Smith,       |
| 51 Jas. Finessey,        | 104 Wm. Washington,       | 157 A. M. Simpson,       |
| 52 Thos. Taylor,         | 105 Isaac H. Robins,      | 158 Barth'w Rotchford,   |
| 53 Hanson Dove,          | 106 Charles Glasscock,    | 159 William Sherwood,    |
| 54 John Russell,         | 107 Robt. Baker,          | 160 Thomas Steel,        |
| 55 Thos. Birch,          | 108 Jesse Sission,        | 161 Albert W. Orrison,   |
| 56 John Brown,           | 109 Jas. D. Hedges,       | 162 Henry Galbright,     |
| 57 Wm. Davis,            | 110 Nelson Coburn,        | 163 Wm. T. Pettit,       |
| 58 Anthony R. Frazer,    | 111 Lewis Massey,         | 164 John Simms,          |
| 59 Hamilton J. Thompson, | 112 Calvin A. Smith,      | 165 E. G. Compton,       |
| 60 Isaac Skidmore,       | 113 Sam'l Bartle,         | 166 John Beavers,        |
| 61 Walter L. Penn,       | 114 Th's Parsons,         | 167 Jacob Curtis,        |
| 62 Wm. Carlin,           | 115 Rich'd House,         | 168 James Garrell,       |
| 63 Albert G. Gardner,    | 116 Caleb Birch,          | 169 Henry L. Simpson,    |
| 64 Samuel Frantora,      | 117 Jas. A. Patten,       | 170 John Kisendaffer,    |
| 65 Thos. Thompson,       | 118 Sam'l Ball,           | 171 Philip Rotchford,    |
| 66 Wm. Howard,           | 119 John Sherer,          | 172 Charles Gullatt,     |
| 67 Randolph Birch,       | 120 Jehu Shreve,          | 173 Richard Gorham,      |
| 68 John Taylor,          | 121 Rich'd H. Rudd,       | 174 James E. M'Graw,     |



175 William Birch,	191 Jas. Smith,	208 Ignatius Baggett,
176 Charles Freidel,	192 John Traverse,	209 Edward Clemens,
177 Jonathan Ross,	193 George Price,	210 Ferdinand Robinson,
178 William Minor,	194 Joseph Williams,	211 Wm. W. Goodrich,
179 Charles A. Newton,	195 Benjamin Swann,	212 John J. Wheat,
180 Asbury Snyder,	196 William Scarce,	213 Willis Henderson,
181 Samuel S. Taylor,	197 Alfred Zimmerman,	214 Wm. C. Bontz,
182 Wm. Grimes,	198 James M'Guire,	215 Charles Arnold,
183 Richard B. Ratcliffe,	199 Robert Fisher,	216 Wash. T. Harper,
184 Wm. J. Minor,	200 John T. Bladen,	217 Christopher Neale,
185 Jesse Rye,	201 Charles Bladen,	218 Robert Bryan,
186 Richard B. Lloyd,	202 Samuel Donaldson,	219 Robert Hall,
187 Larkin Patten,	203 Thomas Hodges,	220 Tenas Kinsey,
188 Benoni Wheat, sr.	204 John Bryant,	221 A. D. Collinsworth,
189 James D. Bryan,	205 Wesley Carlin,	222 Camillus Taylor,
190 James Davis,	206 Caleb L. Richards,	223 Hanson Davis,
	207 John Hodgkin,	224 Jonathan Mitchell.

A tabulation of the vote cast was attached as follows:

For retrocession	764	Against retrocession	224
Deduct the following vote given in favour of retrocession, which was reserved for decision by the commissioners, and rejected:		Deduct the following votes against retrocession, which were reserved for decision by the commissioners and re- jected:	
No. 214 Martin Josetta	1	No. 17 John E. Evans,	
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Majority in favour of accepting the act, as above, five hundred and forty-one votes.

It is interesting to note that four of the five Commissioners voted for retrocession. The fifth, Mr. Custis, did not vote.

On the 7th of September, 1846, President Polk issued his proclamation of the result of the poll and declaring the act was "in full force and effect." This, however, is not the end of the tale. The Act of Congress provided that the "jurisdiction and laws now existing in the said territory \* \* \* shall not cease or determine until the state of Virginia shall hereafter provide by law for the extension of her jurisdiction and judicial system over the said territory hereby receded."

Thus it was that Governor William Smith told the General Assembly that nothing remained to effect the retrocession but to provide for the extension of Virginia's jurisdiction over it. This was easier said than done. It immediately sparked an argument in the General Assembly over representation of the new territory and started a movement to establish a new county out of a portion of Fairfax and Alexandria County. The difficult legislative course of the law to effect the retrocession is another story.