

the benefit of Mary Charles of Caroline county, "endorsed" "will pass" ordered to be engrossed,

And delivered the following letter from the Hon. William D. Merrick:

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 4, 1838.

*To the Hon. the President of the Senate, and*

*The Hon. the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Md.*

Gentlemen—I have had the honour to receive your communication informing me that I have been elected by the honorable bodies over which you respectively preside, "A Senator in the United States Senate," to supply the vacancy occasioned "by the death of Governor Kent."

This communication I beg leave to assure you, and through you the honorable members of the General Assembly, I have received with sentiments of profound gratitude, and in entering upon the duties of this high and responsible station, I have only to regret that I can not hope to carry into the service of the State abilities proportionate to her generous confidence, nor my own zeal for the happiness and prosperity of our beloved country.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

WM. D. MERRICK.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The speaker appointed Mr. Causin on the special committee upon the currency, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Merrick; and Mr. Hopewell upon the committee to which was referred the petitions of sundry citizens of P. George's county, praying a repeal of the law passed at the last session, relative to the appointment of tobacco inspectors.

On motion of Mr. Blocher,

The committee to which was referred a leave to bring in a bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act, passed at December session, 1835, chap. 305, was enlarged by adding thereto Messrs. White and Cramer.

On motion of Mr. Hughes,

Ordered, that the speaker be requested to issue a warrant of election to the sheriff of Charles county, to hold an election to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William D. Merrick, Esq. a delegate elected and returned for said county.

A warrant of election was accordingly issued, signed by the speaker and clerk, and transmitted by express to the sheriff of Charles county.

On motion of Mr. Powder,

Ordered, that the treasurer report to this house the expenses incurred in making the geographical and geological surveys of this State.