

tional provision, being persuaded His Excellency would desire to fulfil it, both in *letter* and *spirit*, and that the public good required the office should be filled as early as convenient. An unfortunate difference of opinion occurred between His Excellency and the Senate, with regard to the time of the operation of the law, by which the office was created. This being waived, a nomination was made, to which the Senate did not advise and consent: a second nomination is now made in consequence of the disagreement of the Senate to the first, and your committee recommend that the Senate concur therein.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the nomination of Secretary of State.

The question was put,

“Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of John Charles Groome, to the office of Secretary of State, agreeably to the nomination?”

And it was determined unanimously in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

It was ordered, that the clerk informed the Governor, that the Senate do advise and consent to the said appointment.

Accordingly the clerk transmitted the following note in person to the Governor.

His Excellency, Governor Veazey,

I have been directed by the Senate to inform your Excellency, that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of John Charles Groome, to be Secretary of State, agreeably to the nomination submitted in your message, dated this day, by the hands of Mr. John H. Culbreth.

I have the honor to remain,

Most respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

Jos. H. Nicholson, Clk. Senate, Md.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The Senate resumed the consideration of Legislative business.

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THURSDAY, March 29, 1838.

Present the same Senators as in Legislative session.

The galleries were cleared and the doors closed.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,