

son, unless such person, on the ballot, shall appear to have a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both houses of the legislature.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the election of a director to represent this state in the bank of Baltimore be postponed until Tuesday the 6th day of December next.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Cecil county to lay out and open a road in said county; a bill, entitled, An act to open a road from the town of Emmitsburgh to Caldwell's lane on the Pennsylvania line, severally passed by that house November 25, 1803; and the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 25, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE agree to proceed immediately to the election of the person to be jointly recommended to the governor to be by him commissioned to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the register of wills in Dorchester county; but we can never agree to a principle, which, by admitting the right of the senate to negative the person elected by joint ballot of both houses, must necessarily give an equal weight to the senate in all elections directed by the constitution to be made in that manner.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were severally read the first time and the bills ordered to lie on the table.

The following resolution was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

RESOLVED, That the senate will not join the house of delegates in recommending any person to be commissioned by the governor as register of wills for Dorchester county unless such person shall, on the joint ballot of both houses, have a majority of votes of all the attending members.

The senate proceeded to ballot for a person to be recommended to the governor to be commissioned as register of wills for Dorchester county; the ballots were deposited in the ballot box, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to join the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after examining the ballots returned and reported, that John Crapper had forty-four votes, Ezekiel Richardson had thirty-one votes, Samuel Brown had one vote, and John Murray had one vote.

Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that John Crapper, (having had a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both houses in his favour,) be recommended to the governor to be commissioned as register of wills for Dorchester county.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, November 26, 1803.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The senate adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 28, 1803.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Mackall and Mr. Brown appeared in the senate.

The president laid before the senate a report from the trustees of the academy at Easton, giving an account of the present state of said academy; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire-engine and to erect pumps in the town of Easton, in Talbot county; a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Edward Montgomery, of Allegany county; a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of Hugh Ferguson, of Kent county, severally passed by that house November 25, 1803; and the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 28, 1803.

Whereas it appears that Charles Lecompte, of Dorchester county, became the purchaser of lots No. 12 and 13 of the Indian lands sold in the said county by the agent of the state; that the surveyor, in calculating the contents of lot No. 13, stated that it contained the quantity of three hundred and seventeen acres of land, in consideration whereof, the said Charles Lecompte passed his bond to the state for the payment of the purchase money therefor, at the rate of three pounds and six-pence per acre: And whereas it appears that an error was made in the calculation of the contents of the survey of the said lot No. 13, which has since been revised and corrected by the examiner-general of the western shore, who hath certified that the said survey contains no more than two hundred and ninety-one and an half acres of land: And whereas the said Charles Lecompte hath paid into the treasury of the western shore the whole amount of the purchase money, with the interest due thereon, for the said land, with an allowance for the error in the calculation aforesaid; RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to endorse upon the bond given by the said Charles Lecompte a sum of money for the deficiency of twenty-five and an half acres of land, at the rate of three pounds and six-pence