

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

On motion, Resolved, That the senate proceed immediately to the election of a member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of George Winchester, Esquire.

The senate proceeded to said election, and after qualifying agreeably to the constitution and form of government, the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that John E. Howard, Junior, was unanimously elected.

Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that John E. Howard, Junior, is unanimously elected a member of the senate.

The senate proceeded to the election of a senator for the western shore to represent this state in the senate of the United States to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the honourable Alexander Contee Hanson, and also to the election of a senator for the eastern shore to represent this state in the senate of the United States, in the place of the honourable Robert H. Goldsborough, whose term of service expired on the fourth of March last. The ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that Edward Lloyd had fifty votes, William Pinkney forty nine votes, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, thirty-seven votes, Robert H. Goldsborough thirty-four votes, Charles Goldsborough four votes, John Graham one vote, and Samuel Smith one vote.

Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that William Pinkney and Edward Lloyd, having had a majority of the votes of the attending members of both branches of the legislature, are duly elected senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 14, 1819.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

James Nabb, James Butcher, Grafton Duvall, John Stephen, and Thomas H. Wilkinson, Esquires, being elected council to the governor of this state, we propose that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, and forwarded immediately by mail to each of the gentlemen elect, notifying them of their election, and requesting their immediate attendance at the seat of government.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates:

BY THE SENATE, December 14, 1819.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We accede to the proposal contained in your message of to day relative to notifying the council elect of their election.

By order,

J. N. WATKINS, Clk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 15, 1819.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The president laid before the senate the following letter:

Northampton Farm, December 14, 1819.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the satisfaction to acknowledge the receipt of your joint letter, informing me that the legislature of Maryland have elected me governor of the state for the ensuing year. Permit me to say, that I am equally sensible of the great distinction the legislature have done me the honour to confer, as well as of the great responsibility they have imposed by this appointment. I accept, therefore, with diffidence, a situation which I feel can only be rendered agreeable to me or useful to the state, in proportion to the support which I hope to receive from the friendship and intelligence of a liberal council. Suffer me to accompany this acceptance with assurances of the high respect I entertain for you, and those gentlemen of the legislature over whom you respectively preside, to whom I beg you will make my sincerest acknowledgments for this expression of their confidence. As soon as the necessary arrangements can be made preparatory to leaving home, I will, in obedience to their call, attend at the seat of government. I have the happiness to be, with great respect and consideration, gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant.

SAMUEL SPRIGG

To the Honourable William Spencer, President of the Senate, and the Honourable Tobias E. Stansbury, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Which was read and sent to the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the securities of William S. Handy, late collector and sheriff of Somerset county, was read the second and third time by special order and will pass.

Mr. Winder from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution relative to the armory at Easton, was read the second and third time by special order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Robert Boone of Virginia, was read the second time.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following bills: A bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Stewart and Martin Rockefeller, of Washington county, and William Deming, of the city of Baltimore, and a bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned. Also the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 15, 1819.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to Zachariah Mills, of Anne-Arundel county, an old revolutionary soldier, a sum of money annually, in quarterly payments, equal to the half pay of a private, during his life, as a further remuneration for those services rendered his country during her arduous struggle for independence.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.