

## N E G A T I V E.

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| Hebb       | P Stuart  | Gale    | Griffith | Muir         | Baer       | Davis    | S Thomas |
| Blakistone | Chapman   | Cortman | Page     | Hayward      | J H Thomas | Hughlett | Veatch   |
| Reynolds   | Dorsey    | Ennalls | Perrie   | Wilson       | Sappington | Young    | Hilkey   |
| Blake      | Parnham   | Frazier | Herbert  | T N Williams | J Thomas   | Carroll  | M Mahon  |
| Ireland    | Edmondson | Dennis  | Beall    | Bennett      | Forwood    | Gaither  | Reid     |
| Grahame    | Bayly     |         |          |              |            |          |          |

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house agree to the message? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

By the S E N A T E, June 5, 1809.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

THE senate, having formed a quorum, are ready to proceed to business. They propose to go into the election of a governor immediately, and have appointed Mr. Thomas B. Dorsey and Mr. Lloyd Dorsey, on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen to be named by your house, to examine the ballots. Edward Lloyd, Esq. is put in nomination by this house.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

Also the following Letter:

ANNAPOLIS, 5 June, 1809.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates,*

I FEEL it my duty to apologise to you, as the Representatives of the People, for my resignation of the office of Governor of the State of Maryland, whereby you, agreeably to the Constitution, have been called together to appoint a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by my resignation.

THE death of Judge Tighman having caused a vacancy on the Bench in the district in which I resided, and I being recommended to fill that place, from the delicacy of my situation, and a persuasion that my revolutionary services, my long and respectable standing at the bar, my political integrity, tested by your appointment of me as a senator of the United States, and repeated appointments of me as a governor of the state of Maryland, with the Council's personal knowledge of the integrity of my administration, would have been happily recollected, and that that, with the entire sacrifice of my profession in the public service, would have placed me on such grounds, that I flattered myself I should have no serious competitor for the appointment of a Judge. I felt it a duty to my family, whose interest I had sacrificed in the public service, as well as to the Council, who by illiberal politicians might be blamed for the call of the legislature, to take that blame to myself, I therefore, without the knowledge of any member of the Council, determined to resign, which I did on the sixth day of May last.

You will here, Gentlemen, see that I had no desire to retire from the public service, but more permanently to serve them in the character of a Judge, nor no design to create unnecessary trouble or expense, for I conscientiously believed, under the injunctions of the constitution, I should certainly be appointed the Judge, however in this I have been disappointed, and in that I shall be gratified if the public shall be better served.

To men of liberality, I know the expense of the session, whereby a *small* portion of the public treasure will be distributed among the public servants for constitutional services, will not be regarded; and I hope and trust, that the convention of the legislature at this happy crisis in the annals of America, when one of the most powerful of the nations of Europe has been conquered by a pacific and wise policy, and not by the blood of our citizens, a tax principally paid by the poor, whereby America has been taught her strength, will have the happy effect of leading you, Gentlemen, to the most pleasing congratulations upon the occasion, and that a celebration of the crisis that gave freedom to the ocean, will take place, when, I hope, the standard of party, that bane to social intercourse, may be struck for ever, and the standard of patriotism erected in its stead, and that the American people may hence be an united, and, consequently, an happy and invincible nation.

I SHALL feel peculiar pleasure, under existing circumstances, in a scrutinous examination of my conduct as chief magistrate, particularly in the exercise of the power to pardon, by an examination of the documents on which I acted; as far as they were committed to writing, they will be found regularly filed in the executive department, and will place my conduct on the ground on which it ought to stand. And as infallibility is not the prerogative of man, I confidently trust, that any errors that I may have committed will be found on the side of mercy, and will be ascribed to the weakness of the head, and not to the depravity of the heart, as my conscience whispers me, that the recording angel has already inscribed the purity of my administration on the tablets of Heaven. The report of the executive will shew you the execution of those duties required of us by law.

PERMIT me now, Gentlemen, to congratulate you on the restoration of commerce, and on the pleasing prospect of a happy accommodation of our differences with Great-Britain, and to return you my most grateful acknowledgments for the repeated honours conferred on me by your honourable body; and with prayers for your happiness here, and safe return to the bosoms of your respective families, to present to you the assurances of my very great respect.

I am, Gentlemen, Your most Obedient Servant,

ROBERT WRIGHT.

Which was read.