

By Mr. Mercer, An act to repeal the first section of an act, entitled, An act relative to justices of the peace, and for other purposes, so far as it relates to Cecil county.

By Mr. Hughes of Charles, An act to give validity and operation to a deed therein mentioned.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to confirm the act, entitled, An act to change and repeal so much of the constitution and form of government of this state as relates to the division of Queen-Anne's county into election districts; endorsed "will pass." The said bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed.

In pursuance of the provisions of the constitution and form of government, and conformable to the arrangement made with the senate for that purpose, the house proceeded by ballot, at the hour of 12 o'clock, to the choice of a governor. The ballot box being prepared, and the members having deposited their ballots therein, it was sealed up and delivered to Messrs. Semmes and Thomas of Cecil, the gentlemen named on the part of this house (jointly with those appointed by the senate,) to count the ballots taken in the respective houses, and report the result, who having retired to the conference room, after a short time had elapsed, returned and reported, that on counting the ballots they had found there were ninety-four ballots taken altogether; that of that number Joseph Kent, Esquire, had received eighty votes, that there were thirteen blank ballots, and one scattering vote.

Whereupon, Resolved, That Joseph Kent, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, duly elected Governor of the State of Maryland for the ensuing year.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the following message was read:

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 7th, 1828.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This house have appointed Messrs. ———— to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honourable body, to wait on the governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate chamber to qualify according to the constitution and form of government.

And the blank therein being filled with the names of Messrs. Banning and Tilghman, it was agreed to, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message; which was read.

By the Senate, January 7th, 1828.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received the message from your honourable body proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the honourable Joseph Kent to notify him of his re-election, and to request his attendance in the senate chamber to qualify according to the provisions of the constitution, and concur therein.

The senate have appointed Messrs. Heath and Forrest to join the gentlemen appointed by your honourable body.

By order.

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.