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One hundred and ninety-nine years ago, Maryland's first Electors - six of them - met here with Governor John Eager Howard to ensure the unanimous election of George Washington for President. His running mate was a native son, Robert Hanson Harrison and they belonged to what was then called the Federalist Party, also called the No Party. There was no opposition to George Washington as the Presidential Candidate, however, Robert Hanson Harrison was opposed by John Adams who received a plurality for Vice President.

Nationally, there were sixty-nine electoral votes; Maryland was allotted six of these.

By the time the Electoral College next met, December 5, 1792, Maryland had eight electoral votes and another fascinating bit of history emerged: four Electors were chosen "for the Western Shore," the other four, "for the Eastern Shore."

This is but a taste of the political history contained in this Review of the Meetings of Presidential Electors in Maryland from 1789 to the present.

The meeting, every four years, of the College of Electors who formalize the election of the President and Vice President of the United States helps to preserve the continuity of this phase of our democracy. To have, within these pages, the written report of what happened and who participated is, indeed, a contribution to the legacy of our great State. I am pleased to have this publication updated and available for those interested in the electoral process of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Governor