

Mr. Cottman submitted the following order; which was read and adopted:

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the people of color of this state, be referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Cottman from the committee to which the leave was granted, reported a bill entitled, an act to limit the sessions of the General Assembly in every alternate year,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Tidball and Mr. Goldsborough, who had been appointed conjointly with a committee of the house of delegates, to wait on His Excellency Governor Veazey, and inform him of his re-election, retired, and after some time returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and had been desired by His Excellency to say, that he was entirely sensible of this proof of the continued confidence of the General Assembly, and that he would be prepared to take the oaths of office on Friday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

The appointed hour having arrived, the Senate proceeded to ballot for United States Senator. The ballot box was prepared and the ballots deposited therein. It was then sealed up and delivered to Messrs. Ricaud and Cottman, who had been appointed conjointly with a committee of the house of delegates, to count the ballots and report the result. They retired, and after a time returned and reported that they had ascertained there had been 95 ballots given, of which William D. Merrick received 61 ballots, and there were 33 blanks and one scattering ballot.

Whereupon it was declared, that the Honorable William D. Merrick, is duly elected a Senator from the State of Maryland, in the Senate of the United States, in the place of the Honorable Joseph Kent, deceased.

The Senate adjourned until to morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1838.

The Senate met. Present the same Senators as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

By the House of Delegates,
January 4, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The Hon. William D. Merrick, having been elected Senator of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon.