

Mr. Purnell submitted the following message; which was read and adopted:

By the Senate,
January 4, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing that a joint letter from the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates, be forthwith forwarded to the Hon. William D. Merrick, informing him of his election to the Senate of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Joseph Kent, and concur therein.

By order,
J. H. Nicholson, clk.

Mr. Purnell submitted the following resolution,
Which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading,
It was accordingly engrossed, and
On motion of Mr. Purnell,
Read the third time by special order, assented to and sent to the house of delegates.

By the Senate,
January 4, 1838.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That His Excellency the Governor, be requested to issue a commission, in the usual form, to the Honorable William D. Merrick, as Senator from this state, to the Congress of the United States, for the residue of the term for which the Honorable Joseph Kent, deceased, was elected.

Mr. Goldsborough from the committee on judicial proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Mary Charles, of Caroline county, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second and by special order the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Tidball,

The Senate proceeded to fill the vacancy in the Senate occasioned by the resignation of Levi Hilleary, Esquire.

On motion of Mr. Tidball, Andrew Bruce, Esquire, was put in nomination.

The ballot box was prepared and the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof by the clerk, it was ascertained that there had been 12 votes given, all of which were for Andrew Bruce.

Whereupon it was declared, that Andrew Bruce, Esquire, is duly elected a Senator for the Western Shore, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Levi Hilleary, Esquire.

On motion of Mr. Tidball,

It was ordered, that the President of the Senate be requested to address a letter to Andrew Bruce, Esquire, of Allegany county, and to forward the same to him by mail, informing him of his election as Senator and requesting his early attendance at the seat of government.