

Thomas Bennett, John Bennett, Daniel Martin, Samuel Burgett, Thomas Wright, of Salem, Worcester County, Ephraim K. Wilson, Thomas N. Williams, Littleton Quinton, Robert J. H. Handy, Frederick County, John Thomas, Joshua Delaplane, John Hanson Thomas, Harford County, John Forward, of Wm. John Forward, of Jacob, Francis I. Dailam, Israel D. Maulsby, Caroline County, Thomas Saulsbury, William Potter, Thomas Culbreth, Peter Willis, City of Baltimore, William B. Barney, James L. Donaldson, Washington County, Frisby Trighman, John T. Mason, Martin Kerchner, William Gabby, Montgomery County, Abraham Jones, Charles J. Kilgour, Richard J. Crabb, Allegany County, William Hillery, George Robinson, of Nathan, A sufficient number of delegates being convened, all the delegates present, except those from Allegany county, severally qualified in the presence of each other, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the question was put, That the house do proceed to ballot for a speaker? Resolved, yeas 43, nays 42. On motion by Mr. J. H. Hillery, the question was put, That the house do proceed to ballot for a clerk and assistant clerk? Resolved, yeas 43, nays 42. On motion by Mr. Hillery, the question was put, That the house do proceed to ballot for a sergeant at arms? Resolved, yeas 43, nays 42. On motion by Mr. Hillery, the question was put, That the house do proceed to ballot for a sergeant at arms? Resolved, yeas 43, nays 42. On motion by Mr. Hillery, the question was put, That the house do proceed to ballot for a sergeant at arms? Resolved, yeas 43, nays 42.

President's Message.
TUESDAY, Dec. 7.
This day, at twelve o'clock, the President of the United States transmitted the following MESSAGE to both Houses of Congress, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:
Fellow Citizens of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives.
In meeting you at the present interesting juncture, it would have been highly satisfactory, if I could have communicated a favorable result to the Mission charged with negotiations for restoring peace. It was a just expectation from the respect due to the distinguished sovereign who had invited them by his offer of mediation, from the respect on the part of the United States, and from the pledge to be found in an act of their Legislature for the liberality with their plenipotentiaries would carry into the negotiations, that no time should be lost to the British government in embracing the opportunity for instituting a step to the effusion of blood. A prompt and cordial acceptance of the mediation on that side was the less to be desired, as it was of a nature not only to bring forth the pretensions of either side to the decision of an umpire, but to afford merely an opportunity, honorable and desirable to both, for discussing and if possible, adjusting them, for the interest of both.

The British cabinet, either mistaking our desire of peace for a dread of British power, or misled by other fallacious calculations, has disappointed this reasonable anticipation. No communications from our Envoys having reached us, no information on the subject has been received from that source. But it is known that the mediation was declined in the first instance, & there is no evidence, notwithstanding the lapse of time, that a change of disposition in the British councils has taken place, or is to be expected.

Under such circumstances, a nation proud of its rights, and conscious of its strength, has no choice but an exertion of the one in support of the other. To this determination, the best encouragement is derived from the success with which it has pleased the Almighty to bless our arms, both on land and on the water.

Whist proofs have been continued of the enterprise and skill of our cruisers, public and private, on the ocean, and a new trophy gained in the capture of a British by an American vessel of war, after an action giving celebrity to the name of the victorious commander—some great inland waters, on which the enemy were also to be encountered, have presented achievements of our arms as brilliant in their character as they have been important in their consequences.

AFFIRMATIVE.
Messrs. Dorsey, Sellman, Bobb, William Hall, Randall, Harriman, Warner, Stansbury, Benne, Mattie, Jona, Spencer, S. Stevens, Clibborn, Duvall, Emory, Burgess, Wright, Forward, of Wm. Forward, of Jacob, Dallam, Maulsby, Saulsbury, Culbreth, Willis, Barney, Donaldson, Tilghman, Mason, Kerchner, Gray, 30.

NEGATIVE.
Messrs. Plover, Millard, Cantel, Blakiston, Boyer, James Spencer, Hands, J. Thomas, Crabbe, Brown, Reynolds, Blake, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet, Ford, Delaplane, Kephart, Parrham, Rogerson, Bryson, Cottman, Waller, Long, Sturtevant, J. H. Thomas, Griffith, Tootell, Hays, Compter, J. R. Evans, Lusby, Herbert, Somerville, Wilson, Williams, Robert Evans, Potter, K. M. Hillery, Quinton, Hardy, Jones, 31.

MURDER.
If the perpetrators of the heinous crime recorded below are not executed with impunity, we are all at the mercy of a mercenary soldiery.

Public Sale.
By virtue of an order from the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel County, the subscriber will expose to Public Sale, on Wednesday the 27th of December next, if fair, if not the next fair day thereafter, the cash of

MOORE'S NEW-MARKET.
Containing 300 acres, 2000 No. 1000 Man named Nick, and 1000 No. 1000 John, a Negro Woman named Maria, one ditto named Hester. The above is taken as the property of James G. Moore, and will be sold to satisfy a debt due to the late John A. Moore, of the County of Anne Arundel, in the County of Anne Arundel, on the 11th day of December, at 12 o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises.