

To the Voters of Anne Arundel County

I offer myself to your consideration, to represent you in the next General Assembly of Maryland.

JOHN S. SELLMAN.

To the Editor of the Maryland Gazette.

The Editor of the Maryland Republican having in his paper of the 14th inst. published very freely his strictures on the communications of the Editor of the Gazette, I have been notified beyond the reading of them, had it not been for the mistaken view of the public of the author's sentiments and opinions.

It is broadly accused of fomenting his jealousies in this Congress, and that his object was to show his benevolent feelings, and his justice of his operations! I am at the same time suspected to be the zealous partisan and friend of John C. Adams, Esq. and that he represented the animating influence of his personal connections. This I decline to prefer, attributing such inconsistent conclusions to his mistaken guessing, than to my design of misrepresentation. In his own language he says, "I do not know how far an article more friendly to his own friends than this apple of discord from J. P. M." It is then accused of casting a sarcasm at Mr. Adams, and of his nomination, because from Annapolis, he had appointed lawyers from the halls of legislation, not qualified, because the agricultural class of voters paid almost all the taxes for the support of the State and the general government. Neither of these charges are true, as his qualifications as a representative in Congress were questioned. I admit that he has already served the people with fidelity and reputation, and are qualified to serve the people in any station, they might choose to confer on them. The voters of this district are referred to the communication of a Farmer in the Md. Republican of February 23, for the grounds on which were founded these charges and accusations.

It is also accused of satirizing the voters of this district, in the spirit of local prejudice, in but of a single line, it was first inserted to prejudice the great popularity of Dr. Kent, than whom the people will rarely have a more devoted friend, or more useful and incorruptible representative in the halls of the nation. To put an end to all discussions on the subject of localizing the different representatives, I give you the entire list of members elected from this district, and their residences, from the first Congress to the last election.

In the old Congress were elected: Thomas Johnson, Wm. Paca, Samuel Chase, John Hall, Chas. Carroll, Thomas Stone, Col Lloyd, J. T. C. Chase, all residing in Annapolis—Also Benj. Contee and John Rodgers from Prince-George's county.

The Federal Government was organized in 1789. The first election was by general ticket—John Jay, John Adams, and John Jay. The election by districts has prevailed ever since the year 1790. Col Mercer was elected and served till 1793. Gabriel Burrell of Annapolis, succeeded him, and served in 1795. Mr. Spring was then elected, and served J. C. Tillam, Mr. S. was again elected; after which Messrs. Walter How, Vanhook, C. King, Herbert, Dr. Kent, and Wm. C. Tillam, were elected in 1793, but declined serving. These were the matters of public record in Maryland, and ought to be known to any man who pretends to a knowledge of its political history. For the adoption of the constitution, the section of the State was generally represented, and most efficiently too, from Annapolis, by professional men. Since then Gabriel Duvall and Wm. Pinkney of Annapolis, were elected. These facts are stated by the very best of authorities, and are not the prejudices of any kind. The Editor of the Republican says these men were "satirized of the soil"—when their professional distinctions proclaimed their culture.

A Paragon would be the last man in the State to sound the note of proscription, either on the ground of profession or residence—he hopes the people will ever confer their dearest interests to the best qualified and most efficient candidates for public honors. The Editor of the Republican may think lawyers the best qualified to make laws, but it certainly does not exclude the farmer, in a district like this, that an intelligent farmer could not understand the laws, and be equally qualified to support the taxes drawn on his property, and would not, with the most patriotic devotion, support the constitution, and defend the honour and soil of our beloved country.

A FARMER.

Feb. 15.

CONGRESS.

VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

The House then took up the consideration of the following joint resolution, introduced by Mr. Tazewell in the Senate, and Mr. Philip P. Barbour in the House.

Resolved, That the two Houses shall assemble in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, on Wednesday the 11th day of February, 1829, at 12 o'clock, that one person be appointed Teller on the part of the Senate, and two persons be appointed Tellers on the part of the House, to make a list of the votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, as they shall be declared; that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce to the two Houses assembled as aforesaid, the state of the vote, and the persons elected, if it shall appear that a choice hath been made, agreeable to the Constitution of the United States; which announcements shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the person or persons elected, and together with a list of the votes, shall be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

Mr. Philip P. Barbour moved, that the House proceed in conclusion with the Senate, to count the electoral votes for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Mr. Tazewell moved, that the House do not proceed to count the electoral votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, until the 15th day of February, 1829.

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The Speaker directed the Clerk to announce to the Senate, that in compliance with the joint resolution, the House was ready to receive their votes for the purpose of proceeding to the counting of the electoral votes.

At 12 o'clock, the Senate and the House of Representatives assembled in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

The Senate then proceeded to the Vice-President of the United States, entered the House, and occupied one copy by a special messenger, immediately fronting the Speaker's chair, the Vice-President sitting on the right of the Speaker, and presiding in the joint meeting.

Mr. Tazewell, the Teller on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Philip P. Barbour, J. Van Hook, and the Tellers appointed the House, took their seat at the desk of the Clerk.

The House, in conformity with the constitution of the Senate, remained uncovered during the joint session.

The Vice-President then proceeded to open the sealed packages containing the electoral votes of the several States transmitted to the Vice-President, by a special messenger, the other by the mail, from their respective Governors. They were taken in order adopted by the House in the counting of petitions and resolutions, commencing with Maine, and on breaking the seals, they were delivered to the Tellers, by whose contents were read, as follows:

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