

‘And be it enacted, That at the election of delegates to the general assembly of Maryland, next ensuing the confirmation of this act, the free white male inhabitants of this state, entitled to vote for delegates, shall vote for a governor of this state, and the person who may have the greatest number of votes, shall be duly elected governor of this state for the three years next succeeding said election, and a like election of governor shall be held every third year thereafter.

And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several judges of election in this state, to make return to the senate of this state of the number of votes given for governor, and the senate shall count said votes, and declare the person, having the greatest number of votes, governor of Maryland for the ensuing three years.”

Mr. Eccleston moved that the following be added thereto: “Provided nevertheless, (and it is the true meaning and intention of this act,) that the governor shall be chosen alternately in succession from the western and eastern shores of the state.” Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on Mr. Barnes’s amendment. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the following proviso was added to the 1st section, which was reconsidered: “Provided that this power shall not be construed to extend to those vacancies to fill which a nomination has once been made to the senate, and which has been by them rejected.”

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the question was put, That the following be stricken out of the 2d section:

“And he shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint all the officers of government, which by the constitution, he can now by and with the advice and consent of the council nominate and appoint; and he shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the senate by granting commissions, which shall expire at the end of their next session.” Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kennedy moved to strike out of the 3d section after the word “governor,” the words ‘may nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the senate.’ Determined in the negative.

Mr. Edelen moved to refer the bill to the first of June next. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kennedy moved to postpone the further consideration of the same until Tuesday 21st instant. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, Ordered, That the bill to elect the governor by the people, be the order of the day for Thursday next.

The clerk of the senate returns the supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Caroline county, passed at December session 1822, ch. 58, endorsed “will pass.”

And a communication from the executive, enclosing a copy of an act of the legislature of Virginia, entitled, An act to amend the act, entitled, An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; which was read and referred to the committee on internal improvements.

On the second reading of the bill relative to primary schools for the instruction of youth, Mr. Teackle moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Grubb, Ordered, That it be entered on the journal of the house, that the absence of Mr. Thomas from the house is owing to the extreme illness of his family.

The house adjourns until 5 o’clock P. M.

Five o’clock P. M. The house met.

On motion by Mr. Hall, he obtained leave to withdraw the account of Samuel Bradford, which accompanied his petition.

Mr. Claude and Mr. Johnson from the senate, inform the Speaker, that the Governor is attending in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request his attendance with that of the members of this house, for that purpose.

The Speaker left the chair, and attended by the members of this house went to the senate chamber, and there presented the engrossed bills from No. 1 to 65, inclusive, to the Governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in the presence of both houses. The Speaker, with the members, returned and resumed the chair. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o’clock.