

sembly, for and against the establishment of primary schools; and also similar reports from the judges of elections in Harford and Worcester counties; which were severally read, and referred to the standing committee on public instruction.

The Speaker also laid before the house reports from the clerk of the court of appeals for the western shore; and the clerks of the several county courts of Allegany, Harford, Queen-Anne's, Caroline, and Talbot counties, relative to the attendance of the judges of said courts, respectively, which were severally referred to the standing committee on grievances and courts of justice.

In pursuance of the provisions of the constitution and form of government, and conformable to the arrangement made with the senate for that purpose, the house proceeded to the choice of a governor, and the members having deposited their ballots in the ballot box, the gentlemen named on the part of this house, (jointly with those appointed by the senate to count the ballots taken in the respective houses, and report the result,) retired to the conference room, who, after a short time had elapsed, returned and reported that Joseph Kent, Esquire, had received eighty-four votes.

Whereupon, Resolved, That Joseph Kent, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, duly re-elected Governor of the State of Maryland, for the ensuing year.

Mr. John W. Thomas appeared in the house.

On motion by Mr. Tidball, Leave was granted to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to release the tax upon the Hager's-town Academy. Ordered, That Messrs. Tidball, Buchanan, Sappington, Hall and Fitzhugh, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, Leave was granted to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to establish pilots and regulate their fees. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Stricker and Hawkins, report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message; which was read.

By the Senate, January 1, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have appointed Messrs. Marriott and Reese, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your house, to wait on the governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate chamber to qualify according to the constitution and form of government.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate: