

Mr. Campbell moved to strike therefrom the word "majority," for the purpose of inserting in lieu thereof the word "plurality," and the question was accordingly put. Determined in the negative.

The message was then agreed to and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following messages; which were severally read.

By the Senate, January 3, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received your message proposing a joint letter from the President of the Senate, and Speaker of your House, to be addressed to the members elect of the executive council, and concur with your proposition.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

By the Senate, January 3, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message on the subject of comparing and examining the engrossed bills, and concur with your proposition. We have appointed on the part of the senate Messrs. Marriott, Whitely, Sewell, Harrison and Nelson, to act in conjunction with the gentlemen named on the part of your honourable body.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Crabb, Ordered, That the committee on the militia enquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to brigade inspectors, and report thereon to this house.

On motion by Mr. Banning, Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice make enquiry of the several judges of the county courts, whether the records in their several clerks offices have been completed, pursuant to the provisions of the act of 1817, chapter 119.

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

By the Senate, January 3, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of this date, proposing to go into the election of registers of wills for Washington and St. Mary's counties immediately, and that a majority of the whole number of votes on joint ballot shall be necessary to the election of either candidate. We are prepared to go into the election proposed, but are constrained to dissent from that part of your message which requires that a majority of the whole number of votes shall be necessary to constitute an election.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

Mr. Chapman submitted the following message;