

Philip Reed Esquire, was appointed an Associate Justice of Kent County in the room of Donaldson Yeates resigned. and Commission issued accordingly to Samuel Chew and Philip Reed Esquires.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the return of the Election of Sheriffs for Kent County, when it was required by William Kelly Esquire that both the return and the opinions of the Members thereon should be entered at large on the Minutes of the Council.

The return runs as follows.

"We the subscribers, Justices of Kent County do certify that an Election for Sheriffs for the County aforesaid was held at Chester Town in the County aforesaid on Monday the sixth day of October last and continued by adjournment until Thursday following inclusive, that on the final counting by us of the Ballots given at the said Election the Polls appeared to be as follows to wit. for Ben. Hatcheson 453 for Thomas Jones 443 and for Cuthbert Hall 270 that previous to the commencement of the said Election which was begun and held at the same time and place with the Election of Delegates for the said County, John Bordley & William Thomas Esquires were duly summoned as the Constitution prescribes by Philip Reed Sheriff of the said County as Justices for the preservation of the peace at the said Election of Delegates, and that in virtue of and conformity with the said Summons attended at the said place of Election, and after having qualified as the Form of Government requires, proceeded to hold the said Election for Sheriffs, and did accordingly hold the same until the Evening of the third Day of the said Election when William Thomas Esq. withdrew. That on the morning of the fourth Day, Marmaduke Tilden was summoned by the aforesaid Philip Reed Esq. in stead of William Thomas Esq. that the aforesaid Marmaduke after taking the oath prescribed by the Form of Government proceeded to hold the said Election for Sheriffs with John Bordley and did accordingly hold the same as Judges thereof. We further certify that on calling on the above Candidates for their qualifications, it appeared to us that Benjamin Hatcheson was not qualified in point of property as the Constitution directs until some time of the last day of the said Sheriffs Election, and that after he became so qualified he did not receive Ballots in his favor equal to those in favour of Thomas Jones and