

Saturday November 20. 1796

The Council met. Present His Excellency The Governor and The Honorable William Kelly, James Thomas, John Davison and John Johnson.

The Board being in possession of Returns from the several Counties and the City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town within this State, of the Election lately held for the choice of Electors to choose the President and Vice President of the United States, proceeded agreeably to the directions of an act of Assembly in such case made and provided, to enumerate and ascertain the votes given for each person voted for as aforesaid; when it appeared that John Rowley Plater, Francis Dearkins, George Murdock, John Lynn, Gabriel Duvall, John Acker, John Gelpin, John Roberts, John Culeston and John Done, Esquires, had the greatest number of votes; wherefore it is hereby certified and declared that the said John Rowley Plater, Francis Dearkins, George Murdock, John Lynn, Gabriel Duvall, John Acker, John Gelpin, John Roberts, John Culeston and John Done Esquires are duly elected Electors of the President and Vice President of the United States.

The following Proclamation was issued

Whereas the General Assembly of Maryland by an act passed at November Session seventeen hundred and ninety five entitled "an act to alter the mode of electing Electors to choose the President and Vice President of the United States," did direct that the Governor and Council after having received the Returns Papers and Instruments containing the number of votes for Electors for the purposes expressed in the said act, should enumerate and ascertain the number of votes for each and every candidate and person so as aforesaid polled and voted for as an Elector respectively and should thereupon declare by Proclamation signed by the Governor and without delay dispersed through the State the name of the person duly elected as Elector in each or respective District, we in pursuance of the directions of the said act, and this our Proclamation declare that by the Returns made to us it appears that John Rowley Plater is elected an Elector for the first District, Francis Dearkins for the second District, George Murdock for the third District, John Lynn for the fourth, Gabriel Duvall for fifth District, John Acker for the sixth