

The State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County Genting.  
Whereas by the Resignation of Richard Sprigg, Esquire, signified by  
a letter dated the tenth instant a Vacancy has arisen in the Repre-  
sentation of this State in the House of Representatives of the United  
States, which Vacancy according to an Act of Assembly passed at  
November Session four hundred and Ninety entitled "an Act  
directing the time, place and manner of holding Elections for  
Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States  
and for appointing Auctors on the part of this State for choosing  
a President and Vice President of the United States and for the  
regulation of the said Elections and also to repeal the Act of  
Assembly therein mentioned and according to another Act of  
the General Assembly supplementary to the Act aforesaid  
passed at November Session four hundred and Ninety  
one, must be filled by a Person resident within and elected  
by the qualified Voters of the second District of this State  
as designated by the said Acts of Assembly. - We do therefore in  
pursuance of the powers vested in us by the Acts aforesaid  
and the Act to regulate Elections passed at November Session  
four hundred and Ninety three authorize and command  
you to appoint a day to hold an Election in your County of Anne  
Arundel for a Representative of this State to fill the Vacancy  
in the House of Representatives of the United States occasioned  
by the Resignation of the aforesaid Richard Sprigg, and the  
said Election shall be held within fifteen days after the receipt  
of this warrant and you shall serve a copy thereof on each of the  
Judges in each Election District of your County at least three  
days before the day appointed for holding such Election. -  
Given in Council at the City of Annapolis, under the Seal of the  
State of Maryland, this fifteenth day of February, in the  
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two.

John F. Mercer

Tuesday February the 16. 1802

The Council met. Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr. Johnson  
wilver fifty one pounds twelve shillings and six pence