

On the first, Monday in January, and the second day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, the General Assembly of Maryland, agreeably to the Constitution and form of government, proceeded to the Election of Governor, when His Excellency Joseph Kent was duly elected. On the Tuesday following, and the third day of the same month, the said General Assembly, proceeding, agreeably to the Constitution and form of government, to the Election of a Council to the Governor, when Joseph Gathright, William Stewart, Robert A. Archer, James Roberts and Daniel Martin were duly elected. But it being afterwards ascertained that James Roberts Esquire had departed this life before the day of said Election, the General Assembly declared John V Steele Esquire, who had the next greatest number of votes, to be duly elected a member of the Council.

Wednesday January 4th 1826

The Honorable Robert A. Archer, member of the Council, elect, appeared in the Council Chamber this day and qualified before Joseph Mayo Esquire a Justice of the Peace for Anne Arundel County, by taking the Oath required by the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution and Laws of this State, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion.

Monday January 5th 1826

His Excellency Joseph Kent, Governor elect, appeared this day in the Senate Chamber and, in the presence of both Houses of the General Assembly, qualified, by taking the Oath required by the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution and Laws of this State, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion. And thereupon His Excellency appeared in the Council Chamber.

Tuesday January 6th 1826

His Excellency the Governor appeared in the Council Chamber.

Wednesday January 11 1826

His Excellency the Governor appeared in the Council Chamber.

The following Message was sent, by the Clerk of the Council, to the General Assembly. Viz

Council Chamber Annapolis Jan 11 1826

Gentlemen of the Senate
and of the House of Delegates,

We herewith transmit for your information, a communication made to this Department, by the President of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, dated the the first of November last, giving an account of the then situation of that work; the amount of funds at their disposal; the number of hands employed; and of their progress in relation to the final completion of that interesting National Improvement.

We have the honor to be,

The Honble William R. Stenard

President of the Senate and

The Honble Benedict J. Semmes

with the highest consideration

Your most Obedt Servt

Jos. Kent