

respectfully, your Excellency's Servant
Chas. Mc Nicholas Clerk of the Senate

Senate Chamber 4 o'Clock P.M.
March 14 1838.

By the Senate, in Executive Session.
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To His Excellency the Governor,

An act of Assembly passed at December Session 1836, entitled An act to amend the Constitution and Form of Government of the State of Maryland was confirmed by the General Assembly of Maryland, in conformity with the Constitution, on the 13th day of February last. The ^{17th} section provides, that it shall be the duty of the Governor, within the period of one calendar month next after this act shall go into operation, and in the same session in which the same shall be confirmed if it be confirmed, and annually thereafter during the regular session of the Senate, and on such particular day if any or within such particular period as may be prescribed by Law, to nominate and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint a Secretary of State, who shall hold his office until a successor shall be appointed and who shall discharge such duties and receive such compensation as shall be prescribed by Law.

The Senate respectfully suggest to your Excellency that the limit prescribed by the terms of the act as above recited, in which a Secretary of State shall be nominated and appointed will expire with the present day, and no nomination having yet been made by your Excellency of any person for that office, the Senate respectfully notify your Excellency that they are now in session and are prepared to receive and act upon such nomination.

By order of the Senate
Chas. Mc Nicholas Clerk

The following message was sent to the Senate by John Mc
Cullbreth Esquire Viz.

Executive Department.
Annapolis March 14 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication suggesting that the limit prescribed by the terms of the act of Assembly passed at December Session 1836, and confirmed at the present session, for the nomination of a Secretary of State, would expire with the present day, and notifying me that you are now in session to receive and act upon such nomination as I may have to make to you for that office.

In reply, I have to regret a difference of opinion between myself & the ~~Gentlemen~~ of your Honorable body in regard to this matter. The act referred to allows to the Governor a calendar month, ...