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The Governor, having been informed by a joint conference
from the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates,
proceeds that it appeared from the certificate of the Registrar of
votes for the City of Baltimore that a majority of the legal voters
of said City did not decide against the Law passed at Session in
Nov. 1837 Chap. 393, issued the following

Proclamation.

Whereas by the 81st section of the Act of the General Assembly
of Maryland passed at Session in Session 1837 Chapter 393 entitled
"An Act to guard against fraud in the exercise of the elective franchise in
the City of Baltimore and to secure the rights of voters, and to establish
with greater certainty the rules of evidence to be observed at all elections
in said City" it was enacted that at the first registration of voters
under this Act, every person, on making his application to the Registrar
to have his vote registered, and who may by said Registrar be
judged to be entitled legally to vote, may declare his approval or dis-
approval of this Act; and for that purpose, the said Registrar shall
provide a box, in which the ballots of said legal voters shall be deposi-
ted; and the said ballots shall have written on them the words, "Regis-
try" or "No Registry"; and the said ballots, on the day of finally unrolling
said Registry, shall be counted by said Registrar, and a certificate
made out by them of the number of ballots for the "Registry" and
those for "No Registry"; and the said certificate together with the number
of all the legal voters contained on said Registry, shall be transmitt-
ed by said Registrar to the Governor, and by him laid before the Gen-
eral Assembly at its next Session: and if it be found on comparing
the number of ballots with the words "No Registry" on them with the
number of names of all the legal voters registered that a majority
of said legal voters have decided against this Law, notice of that
fact shall be given to the Governor by the presiding officers of the two
Houses of the Legislature, and the Governor shall issue his proclama-
tion declaring this Act thenceforward null and void and of no
effect; but if it shall appear that a majority of all the legal voters
have not decided against this Law, the same shall continue and be
in full force: and the Governor, on receiving notice of the fact from
the presiding officers of the two Houses of Assembly shall issue his pro-
clamation to that effect.

And Whereas on the fifteenth day of October last the said
Registrar did transmit to me a certificate made out by them of
number of ballots for the "Registry" and those for "No Registry" by