

of any law you may enact, which will insure to them the know-
ledge that they are governed by their own Representatives -

If in your judgment a Registry Law would be inadequate
to protect the elective franchise, I would advise that any
person who shall hereafter vote fraudulently shall be liable for
such offence to confinement in the penitentiary for such a
time as the Legislature shall designate -

January the 7th 1845.

This day the Governor appointed Chapman Harwood Messenger to
the Executive and nominated to the Senate William T. Wootton of
Prince Georges County as Secretary of State -

The following Message was received from the House of
Delegates -

By the House of Delegates

Jan. 7th 1845 -

Ordered that his Excellency the Governor, be requested to cause
the flag of our country, to be displayed, at the top of the State House
Steeple, on Wednesday the 8th inst. and cause a national salute to
be fired at 12 O'clock noon of said day, in commemoration of the
glorious victory achieved at New Orleans on the 8th Jan. 1815 -

By order Geo. G. Brewer Clk.

The Governor in accordance with the above order directed the
Armorer to cause the flag to be hoisted, and a national salute to
be fired at 12 O'clock ~~inst.~~ on the 8th inst.

The Governor received the following Message from the
Senate.

Office Clk. Senate H.

Jan. 7th 1845 -

To his Excellency Gov. Pratt

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Senate
advise and consent to the appointment of William T. Wootton Esq.
of Prince Georges County to be Secretary of State agreeably to the
Nomination - I have the honor to be Sir Excellency's

Obt. Servt. Jos. H. Nicholson Clk.

William T. Wootton this day qualified as Secretary of State by
taking & subscribing the usual oaths & declaring his belief in the
Christian Religion.

Chapman Harwood this day qualified as Messenger to the
Executive -

January the 8th 9th 11th & 12th

A number of applications for office were received & filed -

Monday Jan. 13th 1845 -

This day the Governor issued the following requisition

State of Maryland set:

Thomas G. Pratt Governor of the State of
Maryland to the Hon. William Branch Chief Justice of the Circuit Court