

for the benefit of John Smock, of Worcester county, passed by that house, Nov. 11, 1811 ; and the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Nov. 11, 1811.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We propose, with the concurrence of your house, to proceed immediately to the election of a governor for the ensuing year. Robert Bowie and John E. Howard, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house. Mr. Swearingen and Mr. Grahame are appointed by this house to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by your house. in the examination of the ballots.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time, and the bill ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was read, agreed to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk :

BY THE SENATE, Nov. 11, 1811.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.*

The senate are prepared to proceed immediately to ballot for a governor for the ensuing year. No person is put in nomination by the senate in addition to those named in your message. We have appointed Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Brown to join the gentlemen of your house to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

T. ROGERS, Clk.

The senate having previously qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of a governor ; the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates ; who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, That Robert Bowie had fifty votes, John E. Howard twenty-five votes, and Robert H. Bowie one vote.

Whereupon, it is declared in the senate, that Robert Bowie having had a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, is duly elected governor of Maryland.

The following message was read, agreed to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk :

BY THE SENATE, Nov. 11, 1811.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

Robert Bowie, Esq. having been elected governor of this state, we propose that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, and immediately forwarded by express, to notify him of his election, and request his