

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

put in nomination by this house. We have appointed Messrs. Banning and Williams, in conjunction with the gentlemen that may be named by you, to count the ballots.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

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

BY THE SENATE, December 10, 1816.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We shall be ready to proceed to the election of a council to the governor at the time proposed in your message. No other persons are put in nomination by the senate. Messrs. Taney and Van-Horn are appointed to join the gentlemen named in your message in the examination of the ballots.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following bills: a bill entitled, An act to confirm and make valid a deed to James Ryan, of Montgomery county, and a bill entitled, An act for the relief of James Deane, of Saint Mary's county; which were severally read the first and second time by special order and will pass. And the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 10, 1816.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The honourable Robert G. Harper, Esq. having resigned his seat in the senate of the United States, we propose on to-morrow at 12 o'clock, if agreeable to your house, to proceed to the election of a senator to supply his place, agreeably to the constitution of the United States, and the provisions of an act of assembly passed at November-session 1809, entitled, An act to fix the mode of electing senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate having previously qualified, agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of a council to the 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 William Potter had sixty-one votes, Henry H. Chapman sixty one votes, Richard Frisby fifty-nine votes, James Shaw fifty-nine votes, William H. Ward, fifty-four votes, William H. Winder one vote, John Stephen twenty-three votes, James Boyle twenty-three votes, Samuel Stevens twenty-two votes, James Butcher twenty-two votes, Thomas W. Hall sixteen votes, Thomas H. Hall four votes, and Samuel Stevenson one vote.

Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that William Potter, Henry H. Chapman, Richard Frisby, James Shaw, and William H. Ward, having had a majority of votes, are duly elected the council to the governor.

Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, the governor elect, attending in the senate chamber, Ordered, That Mr. Taney and Mr. Jackson inform the house of delegates that Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, the governor elect, is attending in the senate chamber to qualify as the governor of the state of Maryland, and request their attendance.

The speaker, attended by the members of the house of delegates, appeared in the senate chamber, and Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, qualified as governor before the president of the senate, in the presence of both houses, by taking the oaths directed by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office prescribed by law, and by taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, and also by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 1816.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following bills: a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money to buy a lot of ground in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, and build a church and parsonage house thereon, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And, on motion, read the second time by special order, and referred to Messrs. Taney, Van-Horn and Gale, to consider and report thereon.

A bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding the elections in the third election district in Caroline county, was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

A bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Maryland, was read the first and second time by special order, will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. Strike out the 12th section, and insert, "And be it enacted, That this act shall continue and be in force until the first day of February eighteen hundred and twenty, and until the end of the next session of the general assembly thereafter."

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 11, 1816.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

William Potter, Henry H. Chapman, Richard Frisby, James Shaw and William H. Ward, Esquires, having been elected council to the 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 each of the gentlemen elect, to notify them of their election, and request their immediate attendance at the seat of government.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, December 11, 1816.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We agree to the proposal contained in your message of this day relative to notifying William Potter, Henry H. Chapman, Richard Frisby, James Shaw and William H. Ward, Esquires, that they have been elected council to the governor of this state.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.