

cond, and by special order the third time, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. M. Kim, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to provide for the inspection of ground black oak bark intended for exportation. Ordered. That Messrs. M. Kim, Dickinson and Brownley be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill entitled, An act for the relief of Amos Chapman and Joseph Chapman of the city of Baltimore, was read the third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, A further supplement to the act entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named, passed by that house Dec. 10, 1821; and the following messages:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 10, 1821.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

This house conceiving an error to exist in the commission sent up by us a few days since, for the senator of the United States lately elected, in the insertion of the third of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, as the limitation of his term of office, when it should have been to the fourth of March in that year, respectfully beg leave to suggest a reconsideration of the same, in order that the mistake may be rectified, and would also request, should this proposal meet your acceptance, that the commission be sent back to this house for revision.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 10, 1821.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*

The constitution and form of government having directed that the governor of this state shall be chosen on the second Monday of December in each and every year, and this being the day prescribed, we propose with the concurrence of your honorable body to proceed to elect the governor of this state, at 12 o'clock to day. Samuel Sprigg, Esq. is put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Messrs. Orrick and Sullivan to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

J. 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, Dec. 10, 1821.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We concur in the proposal contained in your message to go into the election of governor this day at 12 o'clock. No person has been put in nomination by the senate in addition to the gentleman nominated by your house. We have appointed Messrs. Dickinson and Wootton to join the gentlemen appointed by you to count the ballots and report thereon,

By order,

TH. ROGERS, Clk.

On motion, the question was put, Will the senate reconsider the resolution relating to the term of service of the senator of the United States? Resolved in the affirmative. The resolution being read, the question was put, Will the senate amend the form of the commission therein prescribed, by striking out the word "third" and inserting the word "fourth?" Resolved in the affirmative and with the following message sent to the house of Delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 10, 1821.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have received your message proposing a re-consideration of the resolution relating to the term of service of the senator of the United States, and herewith transmit the resolution which we have amended according to your suggestion.

By order,

TH. ROGERS, Clk.

On motion, the question was put, Will the senate proceed agreeably to their resolution, to the election of a member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the non-acceptance of Mr. John Stricker? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Bowie, the question was put, Will the senate assent to the following resolution?

RESOLVED, That the senate now proceed to qualify for the election of a senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the non-acceptance of Mr. John Stricker, by taking the oath prescribed by the 18th section of the constitution. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Bowie, Cockey, Kent, M. Kim, Orrell and Wootton.—6.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Stuart (Pres.) Brownley, Chambers, Dickinson, Miller and Quinton.—6. So it was determined in the negative.

The senate proceeded to said election, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared, that Reverdy Johnson had ten votes, and George Warner had two votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Reverdy Johnson, having had a majority of votes of the attending members, is duly elected a member of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Bowie, Ordered, That the president address a letter to Reverdy Johnson, Esq. and inform him that he has this day been elected a senator of Maryland, and invite him to take his seat.

The senate having previously qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of 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 Samuel Sprigg had seventy two votes; Charles Goldsborough three votes; Robert Goodloe Harper three votes; Robert H. Goldsborough two votes; John E. Howard two votes; Roger B. Taney one vote; George C. Washington one vote; John Leeds Kerr one vote; and John C. Herbert one vote. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Samuel Sprigg, having had a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, is duly elected governor of Maryland.