

OF THE SENATE.

BY THE SENATE, December 11, 1822.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.—The senate have received your message of to-day, concurring in their proposal to proceed to the election of a senator to represent this state, in the senate of the United States at 12 o'clock, together with the resolution accompanying it. The senate concur in that resolution if amended as proposed by them.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The senate proceeded to the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States. 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 Gen. Samuel Smith, had seventy-five votes, Roger B. Taney, had one vote, and that there were seven blank votes.

Whereupon it was declared in the senate, that General Smith, having had a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, is duly elected a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

The clerk of the house of delegates, delivered a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Schwartsfelter of Jacob Christ, of Washington county, which was read the first and by special order a second time, and laid on the table.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1822.]

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Wootton appeared in the senate, qualified, and took his seat. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter that part of the constitution and form of government relating to the division of Dorchester county, into five separate election districts; was read the second time, and laid on the table.

The bill for the support of Thomas Deford, of Queen Anne's county, an afflicted son of Edward Deford, of said county; was read the second time, amended, and laid on the table.

Mr. Brownly from the committee delivered a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors and administrators, and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Chambers submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, December 12, 1822.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.—The senate have found much difficulty in progressing with their ordinary business from want of accurate information of the proceedings of your house. Such want of information has in several instances occasioned an useless waste of time, by engaging the attention of both branches of the legislature, in originating measures precisely similar in their effect. The senate therefore propose that a committee of conference be appointed to consist of three gentlemen from each branch to devise some means which will put each branch in possession of the proceedings of the other.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, A supplement to an act, to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties; and it was ordered, that Messrs. Kent, Orrell and Wootton, should be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Chambers submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were read and laid on the table.

Whereas, The state of Maryland, is in a peculiar degree, dependant on the aid and protection, to secure which it was the great object of the confederation of these United States, and especially is exposed from its vast extent of navigable waters, and the geographical position of the city of Baltimore, to the attacks of a maritime enemy, who, as has been demonstrated by the events of the late war, can harrass our citizens, plunder and destroy our property, possess themselves of our territory, and prevent our necessary transactions, as far as a large portion of our citizens are affected; *And whereas*, exemption from such danger to the lives and exposure of the fortunes of our citizens, can only be secured to us by the liberal application of those means which the good people of the United States have placed at the disposal of the government of the Union, for the common defence and general welfare. And it is not only the soundest policy, but the best dictate of prudent economy, to use the period when a general peace and the ordinary resources of our country afford opportunity to the government to provide for the defects in our system, which a state of war has disclosed, and to be prepared against a recurrence of injuries which may be repeated at a moment, impossible by any political calculation to be anticipated.

And whereas, it is at all times the duty of the citizens of a free government, to deliberate on the policy and measures of those to whom they have confided the administration of their political concerns, and occasions when contrariety of opinion is entertained on matters vitally affecting their best interests, to express their sentiments with candour and firmness.

We, the members of the senate and house of delegates, acting as the representatives of the people of Maryland, and influenced by a belief that it is highly expedient, in the present situation of our political concerns, to announce the opinions and wishes of the people of this state in relation to such measures of the government of the United States as have in view the better security of our country against the approaches of a hostile maritime force, do therefore