

# JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

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## Maryland, Set.

On the fourth Monday of December, (being the twenty-sixth day of the month,) in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the general assembly, appeared in the senate, Messrs. Dennis Claude, Solomon Dickenson, Reverdy Johnson, William C. Miller, Robert Orrell, William Quinton, John Scott and William R. Steuart.

A sufficient number of members to compose a senate being convened, Mr. Johnson, not having heretofore qualified according to the constitution and form of government, was qualified before Dennis Claude, esqr. one of the justices of the peace for the city of Annapolis, and took his seat.

The senate then proceeded to the election of a president, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, and on examination thereof, it appeared that the honorable William R. Steuart, received seven votes, and the honorable Reverdy Johnson, one vote. Whereupon it was declared in the senate, that the honorable William R. Steuart was duly elected president of the senate.

Mr. William Kilty was appointed chief clerk; Mr. Thomas S. Alexander, assistant clerk, and Mr. Thomas W. Lookerman, committee clerk. Mr. Andrew Slicer, was appointed messenger, and Mr. Samuel Peace, door-keeper.

On motion, ordered, that Messrs. Johnson and Quinton, be a committee to wait on the Reverend Doctor Rafferty, and request his attendance at the senate chamber every morning during the session, to perform divine service.

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

TUESDAY, December 27th, 1825.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Bowie appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Quinton offered the following message, which was read assented to, and sent to the house of delegates:

BY THE SENATE, December 27th, 1825.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The senate having formed a quorum, are ready to proceed with the business of the session.