

By the Senate, January 9th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of this date, proposing that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, to John N. Steele, esq. of Dorchester county, notifying him of his election, as a member of the council, and requesting his attendance as early as practicable at the seat of government.

The senate on reflection, seriously apprehend that the declaratory resolution, adopted on Saturday last, is neither in consonance with the express provisions of the constitution, nor with the spirit of that instrument, and believing that serious mischief may result from the establishment of a precedent, which might in its operation, place at the head of the executive department, a gentleman obnoxious to a large majority of the electors, they feel themselves constrained, the resolution being no longer in their possession, to withhold their assent from your message of this morning and respectfully to request a reconsideration by your honorable body, of the resolution above referred to.

The clerk of the house of delegates, delivered a resolution in favor of literary institutions, which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Also, a bill entitled "an act to confirm and make valid, a deed from Elizabeth Wheeler to John Wheeler, of Dorchester county," which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Scott, Johnson and Tilghman.

Joseph Kent, esq. the governor elect, attending in the senate chamber, Ordered, that Messrs. Johnson and Tilghman, inform the house of delegates, that Joseph Kent, esq. the governor elect, is attending in the senate chamber, to qualify according to the constitution and form of government, and request their attendance.

The speaker attended by the members of the house of delegates appeared in the senate chamber, and Joseph Kent, esq. qualified as governor, before the president of the senate, in the presence of both houses, by taking the oath prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and by taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, and also by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

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

Tuesday, January 10, 1826.

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

On motion, the bill to authorise the keeping of gates on the public roads therein mentioned, in Montgomery county, was referred to Messrs. Johnson, Tilghman and Orrell.