

On motion, ordered, that a committee be appointed to wait on his excellency the Governor, to inform him that the senate is organized for business, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.—Messrs. Thomas and Harrison, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Thomas presented the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

By the Senate, December 26th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate having formed a quorum, are ready to proceed with the business of the session.—We have chosen the honorable Edward Lloyd, president, and William Kilty, Esquire, chief clerk, and we propose to sit for the dispatch of public business, from 10 o'clock in the morning, until three in the afternoon.

By order,

W. Kilty, Clerk.

Mr. Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Johnson, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Herbert.

The president laid before the senate a report from the judges of the elections in Washington county, held on the first Monday in October, of the present year, containing a statement of the votes given at the said elections, for and against the act to provide for the public instruction of youth, in primary schools, throughout this state, which was read and laid on the table.

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

Wednesday, December 27th, 1826.

The Senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Messrs. Herbert, Heath, and Johnson.

The proceedings of Monday and Tuesday were read.

The president laid before the Senate the following letter, which was read.

Hagers-Town, December 21st, 1826.

SIR.—I beg leave to make known to you, and through you to the honorable body over which you preside, my determination to decline accepting the honor conferred upon me by the Electoral College.

Private duties, connected with considerations not necessary to be mentioned, compel me to this course. I tender to the Senate, and to yourself individually, with this refusal to serve, assurances of the profound respect with which,

I am, your obedient servant,

D. SPRIGG.

To the President of the Senate of Maryland.

Also, a report from the Judges of Elections for Somerset county, containing a statement of the votes taken in said county, for and against the act to provide for the public instruction of youth, in primary schools, throughout this state, which was