

The president laid before the senate, the following communication, which was read and referred to the house of delegates.

To the Honourable the President of the Senate, and
Speaker of the House of Delegates,

Gentlemen,—Soon after taking my seat in the first session of the present congress, I was induced by the desire I have always felt to promote the interest and dignity of my native state, to call the attention of the last legislature of Maryland, to the subject of a naval academy, as contemplated being established somewhere. Every circumstance being taken in connection, I believed Annapolis to be perhaps, the best site, that could be selected, and so represented it, in many of my conversations with the members, when I was generally answered, "That Annapolis was not susceptible of being fortified, owing to the unhealthiness of Fort Madison, on the North, or North-East side of Severn river, said to be the only suitable site for a fortification."—Fearful if the subject should be brought forward, that my own opinions would fail to have the desired effect, I considered the best possible assistance I could call to my aid, was the opinion of the legislature of Maryland, then in session, consequently, I was induced to address a letter to both houses, as will be seen by a reference with the journals of the last session, and was not a little surprised to find how much I had been misunderstood by the senate, as set forth in their answer to two messages from the house of delegates, dated, the 25th and 27th February.—The subject however, not having been taken up at the last session, affords me an opportunity of calling your attention and soliciting the honorable and enlightened bodies over which you preside, to give such an expression of their opinion, as may deemed correct and useful, and to be considered most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John C. Weems.

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

By the Senate, December 30th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message, proposing, on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, to proceed to the election of registers of wills, for Washington and St. Mary's counties, and concur therein.

No person is put in nomination for these offices, in addition to the gentlemen named in your message.—Mr. Nelson and Mr. Thomas have been appointed by the senate, to join the gentlemen selected by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

William Kilty, Clerk.

On motion by Mr. Spencer, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, an act to revive and extend the provisions of an act entitled, an act to provide for the appointment of com-