

plaintiffs who may institute actions at law, in the several county courts of this state, were ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates, delivered the following messages which were read.

By the House of Delegates, December 30th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of this date relative to the public printing, and concur therein.

By order,

John Brewer, Clerk.

By the House of Delegates, January 1st, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate.

The constitution and form of government having decided, that the governor of this state shall be chosen on the first Monday in January, and this being the day prescribed, we propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to proceed to elect the governor of this state, at 12 o'clock to-day. The honorable Joseph Kent is put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Messrs. Duvall and Stevens to join such gentlemen as may be nominated by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

John Brewer, Clerk.

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

By the Senate, January 1st, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate concur in your proposal to proceed to the election of governor, at 12 o'clock to-day. No person is nominated on the part of the senate for this office. Messrs. Herbert, and Whitely, are appointed to join the gentlemen selected by you, to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

William Kilty, Clerk.

The senate proceeded to the election of a governor.—The ballot box being prepared the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up and delivered to the committee on the part of the senate to join the committee on the part of the house of delegates, to count the ballots, who retired to the conference room and after some time returned and reported that on counting the ballots they had found that there were eighty-six votes taken in all, and that Joseph Kent had eighty-four votes, Isaac M'Kim had one vote and that there was one blank vote,—

Whereupon, it was declared in the senate that Joseph Kent, Esquire, having had a majority of all the votes of the attending members of both branches of the legislature, was duly elected Governor of Maryland, for and during the time prescribed by law.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution relative to the claim of Maryland to a fair and equitable portion of the public lands of the United States, for purposes of