

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

By the Senate, January 2d, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to go into the election of a council to the governor immediately, and concur therein. No person is put in nomination by the senate in addition to the gentlemen named in your message. We have appointed Messrs. Sewell and Spence to join the gentlemen named by you, to count the ballots and report the result.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

The senate proceeded to the election of the council to the governor. The ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up and delivered to the committee of the senate, appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room and after some time returned and reported that there was eighty-nine votes taken in all, and that Joseph Gabby had eighty-one votes, William Stewart had seventy-three votes, Otho Scott had fifty-one votes, John R. E. Chisley had thirty-nine votes, Lewis Duvall had twelve votes, Daniel Martin had fifty-three votes, William Hayward, jr. had thirty-nine votes, Arnold E. Jones had forty-five votes, and James Parker had thirty-nine votes.

Whereupon, it was declared in the senate that Joseph Gabby, William Stewart, Otho Scott, Daniel Martin, and Arnold E. Jones having had a majority of all the votes of the attending members of the senate, were duly elected the council to the governor for and during the time prescribed by law.

His excellency the governor appearing in the senate chamber, ordered, that Messrs. Marriott and Thomas inform the house of delegates that Joseph Kent, Esquire, the Governor elect is attending in the senate chamber, to qualify according to the constitution and form of government.

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

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

Wednesday, January 3d, 1826.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Mr. Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Heath and Mr. Harrison.

On motion by Mr. Marriott, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act to establish the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and constables residing in the city of Annapolis.