

also to the mayor, recorder and aldermen, of the city of Annapolis, each, one copy of the laws of the present session, and of each succeeding session; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Kennedy, Herbert and Forrest.

Mr. Forrest offered the following message:

By the Senate,
Jan. 3, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received your message, and concur in the proposition of your honourable body, to proceed this day at one o'clock, P. M. to the election of governor for the ensuing year. No person is put in nomination by the senate, in addition to the gentleman named in your message. The senate have appointed Messrs. _____ and _____ to unite with the gentlemen appointed by your honourable body, to count the ballots and report the result.

By order,

L. Gassaway, Clk.

Which was read, and the blank therein filled up by the president with the names of Messrs. Forrest and Heath.

On motion of Mr. Forrest, he was excused from serving on the committee embraced in said message, and Mr. Spence was appointed in his place.

Mr. Sewell then offered the following as a substitute for the said message:

By the Senate,
January 3, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received your message proposing to go into the election of governor to day at one o'clock, and informing them of the nomination of Daniel Martin, Esq. of Talbot county, for that office.

The senate are prepared to perform the duty prescribed by the constitution, of proceeding to the election of the governor to-day; but would respectfully suggest to the house of delegates, that the nomination of Mr. Martin involves in their view, serious and important considerations, preliminary to the election.

The first duty they conceive of the electors of the governor, is to see that he possesses the qualifications prescribed by the constitution. They understand that Mr. Martin is the same individual who was governor of the state in 1829, and on considering those points of the constitution applicable to this subject, the senate feel constrained respectfully, to suggest to the house of delegates, their doubts of his eligibility.