

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

By the Senate,

February 24th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate having fully deliberated on, and despatched the great mass of public business, which has come from your honourable body within the last four weeks, as also the few bills which originated here, is prepared, and now proposes to terminate the present session this day.

We accede to your message proposing to invite the governor to attend in the senate chamber at 7 o'clock this evening, to sign and seal the laws. We have appointed Messrs. Smith and Thomas, to join the committee appointed by your house.

The senate proceeded to the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States. 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 to count the ballots, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that upon examination of the ballot box they had found there were seventy-three votes given in all, of which, Ezekiel F. Chambers received fifty-three votes, and that there were twenty blanks.

Whereupon it was declared in the senate, that the honourable Ezekiel F. Chambers having had a majority of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, was duly elected a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, for and during the term of six years, from and after the third day of March next.

The journal of accounts was read the first, and by special order a second and third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, *An act for the payment of the journal of accounts*, was read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Senate adjourned until this evening 7 o'clock.