

tent and value of his researches, as well as the zeal and fidelity with which he has discharged the duties devolved upon him.

All the other duties devolved upon us by Laws and Resolutions have received our attention, and the purposes of the General Assembly in passing them have been carried into effect, to the extent of the means provided; or are now in the progress of execution.

In a few days it will become your duty under the Constitution to elect a new Governor and Council. Your present Governor is no longer re-eligible and in now bidding you an affectionate farewell, he feels happy in the assurance, he knows he can carry with him into the shades of retirement, that by you the solemn injunction, to "take care that the Republic receives no detriment," will not be forgotten or neglected.

We have the honor to be,

With great consideration and respect,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES THOMAS.

On motion of Mr. Hughlett,

It was ordered, that 111 copies of the several documents accompanying the governor's message be printed for the use of the general assembly.

The appointed hour having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Register of Wills for St. Mary's county. The ballot box was prepared and the ballots deposited therein, it was then sealed up and delivered to Messrs. Wilson and Montgomery, who had been appointed conjointly with a committee of the house of delegates, to count the ballots and report the result.— They retired from the Senate Chamber, and after a time returned and reported, that on examination of the ballot box, they had ascertained there had been 87 votes given in all—of which George Combs, had received 68 votes, and that there were 19 blanks.

Whereupon it was declared, that George Combs, is duly elected to be commissioned by the governor and council, Register of Wills of St. Mary's county.

Mr. Claude submitted the following messages, Which were read and severally adopted: