

And delivered the following message:

By the Senate,

January 28th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate acknowledges the receipt of your message, proposing to go into the election to day, of a senator in the congress of the United States.

The reasons that existed when your former message on that subject was answered, still exists, and the senate respectfully declines acceding to your proposition.

By order,

L. Gassaway, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following message; which was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates,

Jan. 28, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message declining to go into the election of a senator in Congress on this day, as proposed by this house. Trusting that your honourable body will agree with us in the propriety and necessity of filling the vacancy before the close of the session, we now propose, with your concurrence, to proceed on Friday next the 4th of February at 12 o'clock, to the election of a senator to succeed the Honourable Ezekiel F. Chambers, whose term of service will expire on the third day of March next.

The unfavourable report of the committee on divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Mary North, of Dorchester county, was taken up for consideration and read the second time,

When Mr. Hicks offered as a substitute therefor, a bill, entitled, An act to divorce Mary North, and her husband John North, of Dorchester county, a vinculo matrimonii.

Mr. Gantt moved to strike out the words 'a vinculo matrimonii?' And on the question being put, was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hicks then moved to insert in the place of the words stricken out, the words 'a mensa et thoro?' Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Will the house adopt the substitute? Resolved in the affirmative.

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