

nation has been made by this House. Messrs. Wootton and Hughlett, have been appointed to join the gentlemen named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Cl'k.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Orrell, the house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members; who, after a short time had elapsed, returned and reported, that all the members were attending in the house.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a Council to the Governor. The ballots of the members being collected in the ballot box; the gentleman named to strike retired to the Conference room, and after some time, returned and reported that on counting the joint ballot, it appeared that there were altogether eighty votes taken, and of that number William Potter had received sixty-four votes, Thomas C. Worthington, had received sixty-two votes, Samuel Turner, had received fifty-seven votes, George W. Purnell, had received fifty-seven votes, and Robert W. Bowie, had received fifty two votes, Nicholas Brewer, received one vote, and that there were nine blank ballots.

Whereupon, Resolved, that William Potter, Thomas C. Worthington, Samuel Turner, George W. Purnell, and Robert W. Bowie, Esquires, be, and they are hereby declared to be duly elected, the Council to the Governor for the ensuing year.

The clerk of the Senate returned the resolution for paying the members of the Electoral College and General Assembly, endorsed, assented to; ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Brown, of Queen Anne's.

Ordered, That the standing committee on the militia, inquire into the practicability and expediency of a more perfect organization of the militia of this state, and of arming and equipping the same, or such portion thereof as may be deemed necessary in case of an emergency, and have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Edelen,

Ordered, That the documents accompanying the Governor's Communication be referred to a committee of three, to ascertain and report, whether all, or what portion thereof is necessary and proper to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs Edelen, Orrell and Thomas, of Cecil, the committee.

Mr. Belt submitted the following message, which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.