

On motion of Mr. Duvall, said bill was referred to the committee on the colored population.

On motion of Mr. Duke;

Ordered, that the committee on the colored population be instructed to enquire into the propriety of requiring free persons of color to renew annually their certificates of freedom, and report to this House by bill or otherwise.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the House proceeded to the election of a Council to the Governor, in conformity with arrangement made with the Senate for that purpose, and the ballots of the members being collected in the ballot box, it was sealed up and delivered to the committee appointed on the part of this House, to meet the committee on the part of the Senate, to count the joint ballot of both Houses, and report the result, who having retired to the conference room, after a short time, returned and reported that on counting the joint ballot of both Houses, they had found that there were altogether eighty one votes taken, and of that number Gwynn Harris had received sixty four votes, John McKenny had received sixty two votes, William F. Johnson had received fifty nine votes, Nathaniel F. Williams had received fifty eight votes, and John C. Henry had received fifty four votes, and that there were six blank ballots.

Whereupon, Resolved, that Gwynn Harris, John McKenny, William F. Johnson, Nathaniel F. Williams, and John C. Henry, Esquires, be and they are hereby declared to be duly elected, the Council to the Governor for the ensuing year.

Mr. Carpenter submitted the following message:

By the House of Delegates,
January 5th, 1836.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gwynn Harris, John McKenny, William F. Johnson, Nathaniel F. Williams, and John C. Henry, Esquires, having been elected Council to the Governor of this State, we propose that a joint letter be written by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of this House, and forwarded by mail to each of the gentlemen elect, to notify them of their election, and requesting their immediate attendance at the Seat of Government, to qualify according to the constitution and laws of this State.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Clerk.

Which was read.