

Mr. McDaniel reported a bill, entitled, an act, supplementary to an act, entitled, an act to establish magistrates courts in the several counties of this State, and to prescribe their jurisdiction, passed December session, 1835, chapter 201;

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message:

By the senate,

January, 2d, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on His Excellency, Thomas W. Veazy, of Cecil county, re-elected Governor of this State, and inform him of his re-election, and request his attendance in the Senate Chamber, to qualify according to the Constitution and Form of Government and concur therein. We have appointed Messrs. Tidball and Goldsborough, to join the gentlemen named by your body.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clerk.

Which was read,

The hour having arrived for proceeding to the election of a Council to the Governor,

On motion of Mr. Merrick,

The house was called, and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members, who after a short time had elapsed, returned and reported that he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then proceeded to the election of a Council to the Governor, in conformity with arrangements 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 appointed on the part of the senate, to count the joint ballot of both houses and report the result,

They 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 there were altogether eighty-eight votes taken, of which number Thomas G. Pratt had received sixty-nine votes, Benedict I. Heard had received sixty votes, William F. Johnson had received fifty-eight votes, John McKenny had received fifty-seven votes, and Thomas H. Hicks had received fifty-seven votes, that there were sixteen blank ballots and one scattering,—Whereupon,

Resolved, That Thomas G. Pratt, Benedict I. Heard, William F. Johnson, John McKenny and Thomas H. Hicks, Esqs. be and they are hereby declared to be duly elected the Council to the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Comegys,

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.