

above directed to choose senators, another person in his place for the residue of the said term of five years.

And whereas the thirty-seventh article of the constitution of Maryland further provides, that no senator, delegate of the assembly, or member of the council, if he shall qualify as such, shall hold or execute any office of profit, or receive the profits of any office exercised by any other person, during the time for which he shall be elected; nor shall any governor be capable of holding any other office of profit during the time for which he shall be elected.

And whereas the true way of construing the constitution and form of government, is to give full force and effect to every clause and provision thereof; and as no one article of the constitution can be considered paramount, or more binding than another, yet inasmuch as there is some difference of opinion among the members of the legislature as to the true construction of these several recited articles of the constitution, and as there is no urgent necessity at this time for us to interfere and express an opinion which cannot be considered binding on any future legislature, or on the minority of this legislature, and as it is the safest and best course for us to waive the subject until an absolute necessity exists to meet and determine the question; therefore, Ordered, That this house does not consider it necessary at this time to express any opinion as to the eligibility of senators and delegates, for the office of governor or member of the council, and that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

And the question was put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the resolution proposed by Mr. Ridout, and after some time spent in discussing the same,

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Saturday, Dec. 31, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Gant delivers the following report:

The committee of elections and privileges respectfully beg leave to report—

That they have examined the election returns for the several counties of the state, and for the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, and find, that by the said returns, the following persons are duly elected, declared and returned, as members of the house of delegates, to wit:

For Saint Mary's county, Alexander Kilgour, John L. Millard, John T. Hawkins and Stephen H. Gough, Esquires; for Kent county, William Welch, James Boon, William H. Wickes and James Harris, Esquires; for Anne-Arundel county, Christopher L. Gant, Virgil Maxcy, Abner Linthicum and Rezin Estep, Esquires; for Calvert county, John Beckett, John J. Brooke, James A. D. Dalrymple and Mordecai Smith, Esquires; for Charles county, John G. Chapman, Robert Garner, Thomas Rogerson and John Edelen, Esquires; for Baltimore county, John T. H. Worthington, Adam Showers, James Turner and James W. McCulloh, Esquires; for Talbot county, Robert H. Goldsborough, Robert Banning, Richard Spencer and Levin Milliss, Esquires; for Somerset county, Levin R. King, Arnold E. Jones, Littleton D. Teackle and Benjamin I. Jones, Esquires; for Dorchester county, Joseph Ennalls, John Broughan, John Douglass and Thomas J. H. Eccleston, Esquires; for Cecil county, John W. Thomas, Alexander E. Grubb, Joseph Gilpin and Joseph