

body, to elect a senator of the United States on Tuesday next. We have fixed on this early day, because at this time the members of the legislature are all at the seat of government.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 13, 1820.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Yesterday a message was forwarded by this house to the honourable the senate, informing that we were prepared to proceed to the election of a register of wills for Anne-Arundel county at half past 1 o'clock P. M. It was the ultimate design of this branch of the general assembly, to have gone into the election of registers of wills for the several counties wherein vacancies had occurred during the recess, as speedily as possible, and had commenced this business, by requesting your body to go into the election for one of those counties on yesterday. The house of delegates continued in session until long after the hour appointed, and received no answer to the message which had been sent which was on your part a tacit declension of the contemplated choice. It is with regret that we again call the attention of the senate to a subject of so much importance; but by the constitution of this state it is declared, "that there be a register of wills appointed for each county, who shall be commissioned by the governor on the joint recommendation of the senate and house of delegates, and that upon the death, resignation, disqualification or removal out of the county, by any register of wills, in the recess of the general assembly, the governor, with the advice of the council, may appoint and commission a fit and proper person to such vacant office, to hold the same until the meeting of the general assembly." It is with regret that the house of delegates have discovered a disinclination on your part to proceed to a joint recommendation of some person to fill the vacancy which has occurred in the office of register of wills for Anne-Arundel county; under the powers vested in the executive by the constitution, appointments have been made, but the senate must be sensible that these appointments ceased with the meeting of the general assembly. Deeming this a subject of the most important concern to the good people of this state, we have thought it necessary to call your attention once more to it. The register of wills for Anne-Arundel county is not only the keeper of the county records, but the conservator of the records of the late prerogative office, in which office are carefully preserved all the last wills and testaments down to the period of the revolution, with many other important papers and documents. This then is not an appointment of mere locality but of general interest and concern. In consequence of this appointment not being made, administration, testamentary and guardians bonds, may be running out of date, and some important ejectment cause in some of the counties lost, or postponed for want of a will to complete the title. We know of no reason for its postponement; every member of each house is attending at the seat of government, and we hope that the senate will, on reflection, consent to a joint recommendation of some person to the governor to be commissioned as register of wills for Anne-Arundel county. The house of delegates therefore propose to the senate, immediately to ballot for some person to be jointly recommended to the governor to be commissioned as register of wills for Anne-Arundel county.

We have appointed Messrs. Marriott and Archer to count the ballots; no person is named in addition to those put in nomination by this house on yesterday.

By order,

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Which was read.

Also a bill entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Thomas Knock and Margaret Knock of Baltimore county, and a bill entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the levy court for Baltimore county in the cases therein mentioned; which were read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Samuel Sprigg, the governor elect, attending in the senate chamber, Ordered, That Messrs. Jackson and Parnham inform the house of delegates that Samuel Sprigg, the governor elect, is attending in the senate chamber, to qualify as governor of the state of Maryland, and request their attendance.

The speaker of the house of delegates, attended by the members, appeared in the senate chamber, and Samuel Sprigg qualified as governor before the president of the senate, in the presence of both houses, by taking the oaths directed by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office prescribed by law, and by taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, and also by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

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

THURSDAY, December 14, 1820.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Holliday and Mr. Carmichael. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Emerson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. West after Thursday 21st inst. for a few days.

Mr. Jackson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Carroll.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, An act authorising Samuel Stone of Baltimore county, to erect and keep gates on the road therein mentioned, and a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of George Lash of Baltimore county; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the benefit of George Lash, of Baltimore county, was read the second and third time by special order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Hughlett from the committee reported a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of Joseph Richardson clerk of Caroline county court; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to alter and change the mode of appointment of overseers of public roads, so far as relates to Somerset county. Ordered, That Messrs. Jackson, Parnham and Emerson, be a committee to bring in the same.

The bill to make valid the deed therein mentioned, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass with the proposed amendments: Amendments proposed. 1st. Strike out the word 'twenty' in 10th line enacting clause, and insert the word 'nineteen.' 2. Strike out from the word 'any' second line from the bottom to the end of the section and insert 'bona fide purchasers of said property without notice of said sale.' Sent to the house of delegates.

The bill authorising Samuel Stone, of Baltimore county, to erect and keep gates on the road therein