

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
January 5th, 1872.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We respectfully propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body to open the returns of the election for Governor of Maryland, this day at one o'clock, P. M., in the Hall of the House of Delegates, in the presence of both Houses, agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution of the State.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Blake submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,
January 5th, 1872.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We have received your message proposing to open the returns of the election for Governor of Maryland, in the Hall of the House of Delegates, to-day at one o'clock, in the presence of both Houses, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the State, and concur therein.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

JOINT CONVENTION.

At one o'clock, P. M., the Senators escorted by Messrs. Chapman, Smith and Spencer, Committee, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Delegates, when the returns for the election of Governor were opened by the Speaker, as Chairman of the Joint Convention, in the presence of both Houses, and read by the Clerk. It was found that the Hon. William Pinkney Whyte had received 73,958 votes, and Hon. Jacob Tome 58,830 votes. Whereupon the Speaker, as Chairman of the Joint Convention of the two Houses, declared that the Hon. William Pinkney Whyte, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Governor for the term, as prescribed by the provisions of the Constitution, Article 2, Section 1.

On motion by Mr. Chapman,

The Joint Convention then adjourned.