

MARYLAND ELECTION RETURNS

8 electoral votes

NATIONAL ELECTION RETURNS

George Washington received 132 electoral votes for President—unanimous

John Adams received 77 electoral votes for Vice President

MISCELLANEA

Efforts to persuade Washington to take third term failed; he set the two-term precedent.

Philadelphia was the capital at this time.

Federalists and Democratic-Republicans were emerging as competing parties in opposition to Adams. This was the first step away from the original electoral college system.

MEETING—Wednesday, December 7, 1796

(20 Electoral Votes—each elector cast 2 votes)

PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES IN MARYLAND

Federalist (F)

Democratic-Republican (D-R)

VICTORS IN MARYLAND

President & Vice President

John Adams (F)—7 electoral votes

Thomas Jefferson (D-R)—4 electoral votes

ELECTORS

John Roberts

John Rousby Plater

Francis Deakins

George Murdock

John Lynn

Gabriel Duvall

John Archer

John Gilpin

John Eccleston

John Done

OPPOSING CANDIDATES

For President

Thomas Jefferson (D-R)—4 electoral votes

Thomas Pinckney (F)—4 electoral votes

Aaron Burr (D-R)—3 electoral votes

John Henry (F)—2 electoral votes

GOVERNOR

John H. Stone (F)

MARYLAND ELECTION RETURNS

John Adams 7 electoral votes

Thomas Jefferson 4

Thomas Pinckney 4

Aaron Burr 3

John Henry 2

NATIONAL ELECTION RETURNS

John Adams 71 electoral votes

Thomas Jefferson 68

Thomas Pinckney 59

Aaron Burr 30

George Washington 2

Other 46

MISCELLANEA

Maryland Electors cast their votes for Adams with the rest of the nation. As President, Adams worked hard to keep the peace and to avert war with the French. This effort probably cost him the re-election, as Hamilton, then Secretary of War and a war-monger, was determined to defeat the President and did so.

Adams was the first President to move to the new Federal Capital in Washington in the last months of his administration. He left the White House on the morning of March 4, 1801, in order to avoid participating in the inaugural of his successor.