

In Council, Annapolis

February 13. 1789

Sir,

We have the honor to transmit you, herewith enclosed, an Act of the Assembly of this State, and our Proclamations consequent thereon; which we request you to seal and deliver to the President of the Senate of the United States, whom there shall be one appointed.

We are with respects,

Sir

your most obed. servants:

J. E. Howard.

The Honorable

Charles Thompson Esq.

Secy of Congress.

An Act directing the time, places and manner of holding Elections for Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, and for appointing Electors, in the part of this State, for choosing a President and Vice President of the United States, and for the regulation of the said Elections.

Whereas it is declared by the Constitution of the United States that the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States shall be composed of Members chosen every second year by the People of the several States; that the Electors in each State shall have the requisite qualifications of Electors of the most necessary Branch of the State Legislature; that until the Enumeration therein pointed out of the Citizens of the United States shall be made the number of Representatives of this State shall be six; and that the time, places and manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof: And whereas it is further declared that for the purpose of choosing a President and Vice President of the United States, each State shall appoint, in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of Electors equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress of the United States: And whereas the Convention which framed the said Constitution resolved that as soon as the Convention of nine States should have ratified the said Constitution, the United States in Congress assembled, should fix a day, on which Electors should be appointed by the States, which should have ratified the same, and a day on which the Electors should assemble to vote for the President, and the time and place for commencing under the said Constitution, and after such publication the Electors shall be appointed