

1836 Chapter 261.

On motion of Mr. Coale the following Preamble and Resolution were read and adopted:

Whereas, by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, passed at the Session of 1835 Chapter 261, Section 3d, it is provided that upon the meeting of the persons returned electors of President and vice President of the United States, as provided for by this Act, or as many of the said persons as may attend on the day appointed by the Constitution and Laws of the United States, before Monday, to perform the trust imposed in them, shall meet at a place of any about town or meeting house, or other place where the members present, who shall have the power to appoint the same, and the said persons or persons, when appointed and qualified, shall be entitled to all the right and privilege of those proclimated by the Executive Authority of the State as duly elected electors of President and vice President of the United States; and Whereas, on the First Wednesday in December (being the seventh of the Month,) the day appointed by the Constitution and Laws of the United States, John S. Purcell, elected and proclaimed by the Legislature of the State of Maryland, as duly elected elector of President and vice President of the United States, has not attended in the City of Annapolis, as directed by the Legislature of Maryland, to discharge his duty as an Elector;

Therefore,

Resolved, that in pursuance of the above recited Act of the General Assembly, Thomas G. Pratt he and his family appointed to fill the vacancy in this Body occasioned by the absence of John S. Purcell, as aforesaid.

Thomas G. Pratt having appeared in the Senate Chamber, qualified by taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution and Laws, and by declaring his belief in the Christian Religion, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Ricard the Electors then proceeded to ballot for President and vice President of the United States, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws.

On motion of Mr. Ricard,

William Henry Harrison, of the State of Ohio was put in nomination for President of the United States. And,

On motion of Mr. Kimmel,

Peter Tyler, of the State of Virginia, was put in nomination for Vice President of the United States.

The ballots of the Electors were deposited in the ballot box