

The Senate respectfully suggest to your Excellency, that the limit prescribed by the terms of the act as above recited, in which a Secretary of State shall be nominated and appointed will expire with the present day; and no nomination having yet been made by your Excellency of any person for that office, the Senate respectfully notify your Excellency that they are now in session, and are prepared to receive and act upon such nomination.

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, clk.

The clerk accordingly communicated in person to His Excellency the foregoing message, with the following note,

His Excellency, Thomas W. Veazey,

Governor of Maryland:

Sir:—In obedience to the instruction of the Senate, the undersigned herewith communicates to your Excellency a message, which the Senate this day adopted in Executive session.

He has the honor to be,

Most respectfully,

Your Excellency's obt. servt.

Jos. H. Nicholson, Clk. Senate, Md.

Senate Chamber, 4 o'clock, P. M. March 14, 1838.

A message from the Executive being announced, the doors were opened, and Mr. John H. Culbreth, appeared at the bar of the Senate, and delivered the following communication from His Excellency the Governor, and then retired.

Executive Department,

Annapolis, March 14, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication suggesting that the limit prescribed by the terms of the act of Assembly, passed at December session 1836, and confirmed at the present session, for the nomination of a Secretary of State would expire with the present day, and notifying me that you were in session to receive and act upon such nomination as I may have to make for that office.

In reply, I have to regret a difference of opinion between myself and the gentlemen of your honorable body, in regard to this matter. The act referred to allows the Governor one calendar month after its confirmation, to make the nomination of Secretary of State; and although the action of the Legislature approving and confirming it was had on the 13th of February, the act as engrossed, was not confirmed until the 28th of the same month, the day from which, in my opinion, the limit alluded to, commences. Before the termination of the calendar month, beginning from the 28th of February, I shall