

have the honor to present for your consideration a nominee for the office of Secretary of State.

With great respect,

I have the honor to be,

Your obt. servt.

THO. W. VEAZEY.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations submitted in the message of His Excellency the Governor, dated on and transmitted to the Senate this day.

The question was put upon advising and consenting to the appointments, agreeably to the said several nominations, and determined in the affirmative, except the nominations for Somerset county, and for St. Mary's county, and the nomination of John B. Parish, to be a Justice of the Second District court in Kent county, vice Carl L. Strandberg, resigned; which, upon the suggestion of several Senators, were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The message of His Excellency the Governor, dated on, and transmitted this day to the Senate, in answer to the message from the Senate, relative to the appointment of a Secretary of State, was referred to Messrs. Jones, Brown and Tidball.

On motion of Mr. Tidball,

He was excused from serving on said committee, and Mr Wright was appointed to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Mr Jones from the said committee, submitted the following report,

Which was read:

The committee to which was referred a communication from the Executive, in answer to a message from the Senate, informing him that the term in which the nomination and appointment of a Secretary of State, as prescribed by the constitution, may be made, will expire with the present day, report, that they have given to the communication that consideration, which the high authority from which it emanated justly demanded, and have concluded that, in the present state of their proceedings upon this subject, it will be proper for the Senate to reply to said communication by message. They therefore propose the following for the consideration of the Senate.

By the Senate, in Executive Session,

March 14, 1838.

To His Excellency the Governor.

We have received your communication of the present date, stating that the act of the General Assembly, passed at December session 1836, entitled, an act to amend the Constitution and Form of Government of the State of Maryland, and confirmed on the 13th of February last, did not, in your opinion, go into operation until after it was engrossed, on the 28th day of the same month; and also informing the Senate, that before the termination of the calendar month, beginning