

after the third day of March next, when the term of service for which the honourable Ezekiel F. Chambers was elected, will expire. As there are several members of the senate now absent from the seat of government, and believing that the interests of the state will not sustain any injury by the postponement of the election of a senator to a future day, we therefore respectfully decline going into the election at the time proposed in your message.

By order,

L. Gassaway, Clk.

Mr. Kennedy, from the committee, made a favourable report upon the bill, entitled, An act to preserve the side-walks in the village of Union-town, in Frederick county, with the following amendments, viz. Amendments proposed. In the 10th line of the 2d section, strike out the words "prosecute the same," and insert in lieu thereof the words "sue therefor." In the 3d line of the 4th section, strike out the words "to pass across said side-walks," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "passing across said side-walks with their horses, teams, carriages or other vehicles." In the fifth line of the same section, strike out the words "as is right and proper."

Which amendments were read, and assented to.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 6, 1831.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The message adopted by the senate yesterday, in answer to the message received from the house of delegates, relative to going into the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, was sent to the house of delegates.

The president laid before the senate the following letter from the honourable Daniel Martin; which was read, and referred to the house of delegates.

Wilderness, January 4, 1831.

To the Hon'ble, the President of the Senate, and

Speaker of the House of Delegates,

Gentlemen,

Your joint letter of the 3d inst. announcing my election to the chief executive office of the state, has just been received.

Permit me, gentlemen, through you, to express to the honourable bodies over which you respectively preside, my sincere acknowledgments for this distinguished proof of their