

Senate 1838

1. The Senators appeared according to the amendment to the Constitution of 1837, and were recorded according to their counties. They drew lots for the length of term of two years, four years, and six years, which number is noted before their name. Vacancies were no longer filled by the senate, but a warrant for a new election was issued by the President during the session, or the Governor in the recess.

2. William P. Maulsby's election as senator from Carroll Co was contested. The question was one of residence - the senator was to be resident in the county for three years prior to election. The County had not been in existence three years at the time of the election. Maulsby had rented an office in Westminster prior to the passage of the bill establishing Carroll Co, but his family continued to live with Mrs Maulsby's mother in Frederick City. Because Maulsby voted in an election in Frederick City, and his only property in Carroll Co was his office, the minority report of the Elections Committee posed some questions about his eligibility. The Senate voted March 7, 1839 to admit Maulsby to his seat.

3. The resignation of Thomas I. H. Eccleston was received 18 Feb. 1839. A warrant was issued the same day to the Sheriff of Dorchester Co. for a new election to be held Monday 4 March next. William T. Goldsborough appeared, qualified, and took his seat 11 March 1839.

4. Richard Potts was elected president pro tem 12 March and served until 'Mr Thomas' return on 18 March.

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