

Congress proceeded to the election of a commissioner of the Board of Treasury; and, the ballots being taken, John Gibson was elected.

A motion was made by Mr. [Elbridge] Gerry, seconded by Mr. [Roger] Sherman, in the following words:

“Whereas it may be highly injurious to the interests of these United States, to permit candidates for public offices to vote in or otherwise influence their own elections:

Resolved, That Congress will not appoint any member thereof during the time of his sitting, or within six months after he shall have been in Congress, to any office under the said states for which he or any other for his benefit may receive any salary, fees or other emolument.”

Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. [Robert R.] Livingston, seconded by Mr. [James] Searle, to postpone the consideration thereof:

On which the yeas and nays being required by Mr. [Elbridge] Gerry,

<i>New Hampshire,</i>			<i>New Jersey,</i>	
Mr. Peabody,	no	} no	Mr. Scudder,	no
<i>Massachusetts Bay,</i>			Fell,	ay
Mr. Gerry,	no	} no	Houston,	ay
Lovell,	no		<i>Pennsylvania,</i>	
Holtén,	no		Mr. M'Lene,	no
Partridge,	no		<i>Maryland,</i>	
<i>Rhode Island,</i>			Mr. Plater,	ay
Mr. Marchant,	no	} no	Forbes,	ay
<i>Connecticut,</i>			<i>Virginia,</i>	
Mr. Huntington,	no	} no	Mr. Griffin,	no
Sherman,	no		<i>North Carolina,</i>	
Root,	ay		Mr. Harnett	no
<i>New York,</i>			Sharpe,	no
Mr. Schuyler,	ay	} ay	<i>South Carolina,</i>	
Livingston,	ay		Mr. Mathews	no

So it passed in the negative.