

Kraft, Lankford, Lindsey, Linthicum, Magraw, Magruder, McCulley, McCulloh, Morgan, Neale, Neilson, Nelson, Nicolai, Parsons, Phelps, Poole, Robson, Rouzer, Shipley, Smith, Spicer, Steiner, Stevens, Thomas, Thomson, Tobey, Turner, Waltemeyer, Wampler, Welch, Whiteford, Whittaker, Williams, Wilson—72.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Knott,

The House proceeded to the election of Speaker.

Mr. Carmichael nominated Oliver Miller, of Anne Arundel county.

Mr. Bruce nominated Upton Buhrman, of Frederick county.

The chair appointed Messrs. Hall and Welch tellers.

The House then proceeded to ballot for Speaker.

Upon counting the ballots, the tellers reported that there had been 76 ballots cast, of which Mr. Miller received 58, Mr. Buhrman 17, and that there was one blank ballot.

The chair announced that Oliver Miller, having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The chair appointed Messrs. Thomas and Hammond, to conduct the Speaker to the chair:

Upon taking the chair, the Speaker delivered the following address, which

On motion of Mr. Stevens,

Was ordered to be entered on the Journal:

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

To be selected as the presiding officer of this body, composed of so many of her distinguished sons representing the sovereign people of Maryland, is an honor of which I am deeply sensible. For this manifestation of your confidence, I return you my sincere thanks.

Bringing to the discharge of the responsible duties pertaining to this position but little of parliamentary experience, I must ask your indulgence, and invoke, what I am sure will be at all times extended to me, your cordial support and cooperation in the maintenance of order and decorum during our deliberations. It shall be my best endeavor, as it certainly is my earnest desire, to merit your approval, by a prompt, faithful and impartial execution of official duty.

It is not my purpose, gentlemen, to indicate what laws you should enact, or what measures or policy you should adopt. The welfare of the State, the dearest interests of your fellow