

Whereupon it was declared that the Honorable Richard Thomas, is duly elected President of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Schley,

The Senate proceeded to the election of clerk.

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Joseph H. Nicholson, was put in nomination.

The ballot box was prepared and the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof, by the clerk, it was ascertained that there had been eight votes given, all of which were for Joseph H. Nicholson.

Whereupon it was declared that he was duly elected Clerk of the Senate.

He accordingly qualified as such.

On motion of Mr. Tidball,

The Senate proceeded to the election of the Assistant and Committee clerks.

Whereupon Mr. John N. Watkins, was duly elected Assistant clerk, and Mr. Samuel W. Spencer, Committee clerk. Who severally qualified as such.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

The following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, That Mr. Andrew Slicer, be appointed Messenger, and Mr. Samuel Peaco, door-keeper to the Senate.

They severally qualified as such.

On motion of Mr. Hambleton,

The following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, That the clerk procure for each Senator the usual number of newspapers.

Mr. Hambleton submitted the following message; which was read and adopted:

By the Senate,

Dec. 26, 1837.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The Senate having organized by the appointment of Richard Thomas, Esquire, President, and Joseph H. Nicholson, Esquire, Chief clerk, are ready to proceed with the business of the session, and propose to sit from ten o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

J. H. Nicholson, clk.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

The following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, That the rules and regulations of the Senate for the last session, be adopted during the present session.

Robert W. Kent, Esquire, appeared in the Senate Chamber and took his seat.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the clerk of the Court of Appeals, relative to the attendance of the judges.