

State colonization society, not to express the satisfaction that is felt with the economical, prudent and energetic course pursued by them the past year.

The annual Report of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, which will shortly be laid before you by that officer, in conformity to law, will show the condition of our finances, and enable you to judge what further legislation, if any, may be necessary in reference to them during your present session.

It is with no ordinary sadness of feeling that we advert to the death of the Hon. Joseph Kent, late a Senator of this State in the Congress of the United States, of which you are of course already apprised.

Messrs. Higgins, Parran, Kent, Orrick, Ristau, Ely, Turner, of Baltimore, Jones, Commins, Evans, Roberts, Wilmer, Byser, Geyer, Cramer, Forwood, Nelson, Maulsby, Gallagher, Mann, Swingley, Wimmer, Neil, Blocher, Huddleston, Boyle, of Charles County, and James G. Berret, of Prince Georges, were ordered and appeared as follows:

Mr. Hughes submitted the following order: Ordered, That George G. Brewer be appointed the Chief Clerk, and Eli Davall, Assistant Clerk of the present House of Delegates.

Mr. Ford moved to lay said leave on the table. It was solved in the affirmative.

Mr. Maulsby submitted the following order, which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, That His Excellency the Governor, be requested to transmit to this house, copies of the demand by the Executive of Pennsylvania on the Executive of this State, for the surrender of Nathan S. Bemis, Jacob Forwood, Stephen Lewis and Edward Prigg, who had been indicted in York county for the arrest and bringing into Maryland, certain runaway slaves, contrary to the laws of that State, together with copies of the indictments, affidavits, and other documents accompanying such demand, and of all correspondence (if any) that may have taken place between the two Executives on the subject, and all other information in the possession of the Executive of Maryland on that subject.

Mr. Hopewell submitted the following message: Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the consent of your honorable body, to appoint a joint committee of the two houses to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that we are prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. We have appointed Messrs. Ford, Crane, McDaniel, Usilton, Welch, Gale, Brown, Iglehart, Simmons, Sillers, Duke, B. all, Hughes, Merrick, Carpenter, Kerr, Denny, Boyle, of Tal. Jump, of Tal. Carroll, Adams, Lemmon, Frazier, Eccleston, Goldsborough, Tall, Parker, Simpers, Bowin, Commins, Swann, Alexander, Harrison, Townsend, Hearn, Powell, Carter, Boon, Turner, of Caro. Jump, of Caro. Beam, Griffith, Dawson, Spring—47.

So the substitute was rejected.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order as offered by Mr. Hughes.—And resolved in the affirmative.

The said chief and assistant clerks then qualified as such.

Mr. Hughes submitted the following order, Ordered, That Harry D. Gough, William H. Hall, Benjamin S. Egan, John Burnett and Joseph C. Talbot, be the committee clerks for the present House of Delegates.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Hall, on offered as a substitute for said order the following:

Ordered, That the house now proceed to elect by ballot, five committee clerks to serve during the present session of the legislature;

Which was twice read—and on the question being put, will the house adopt the substitute, it was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order as offered by Mr. Hughes, and resolved in the affirmative;

The said Committee clerks then severally qualified as such.

Mr. Hughes submitted the following order, which was twice read and adopted:

Ordered, That Gottlieb J. Grammer, be appointed Sergeant at Arms, and John Quynn, Doorkeeper of the present House of Delegates; Who severally qualified as such.

Mr. Harrison submitted the following order: Ordered, that Messrs. Harrison and Swann be appointed a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Vinton, and request his attendance at the House every morning at 10 o'clock, during the session, to perform divine service.

On motion of Mr. Ely, ordered, that the rules adopted for the regulation of the last House of Delegates, be adopted for the government of this House.

On motion of Mr. Geyer, Ordered, that a sufficient number of copies of the rules, be printed for use of the members of the House.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following order, Ordered, that the Clerk be authorized to furnish the members of this House for the present session, with such newspapers as they may direct, the expenses whereof for each member, not to exceed the price of one daily newspaper.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Ford moved to amend said order by striking out "one," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "two."

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was put on the adoption of the order,

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hughes submitted the following message, Gentlemen of the Senate,

The House of Delegates is ready to proceed with the business of the Session; we have chosen William H. Tuck, Esquire, Speaker, and George G. Brewer, Esquire, Clerk, and propose to sit from ten A. M., until 3 o'clock, P. M., for the despatch of public business.

Which was read.

Mr. Sprigg moved to amend said message by striking out "ten," and inserting in lieu thereof, "eleven."

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