

On motion of Mr. Claude, the Senate proceeded to the election of their clerks, and other officers. Whereupon, Joseph H. Nicholson was appointed clerk, Mr. John N. Watkins assistant clerk, and Mr Isaac Hines committee clerk, who were severally qualified as such. Mr. Andrew Slicer was appointed messenger, and Mr. Samuel Peaco door-keeper, who were severally qualified as such.

Mr. Claude, submitted the following message: which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates, to wit:

By the Senate,

December 27th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.

The Senate having organized by the appointment of Benjamin S. Forrest Esq. president, and Joseph H. Nicholson, chief clerk are ready to proceed with the business of the session, and propose to sit from ten o'clock in the morning, till three in the afternoon.

By order,

J. H. Nicholson, Clk.

Mr. Claude, submitted the following order; which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and assented to:

Ordered, That the Rev. Mr. Blanchard be appointed Chaplain to the Senate, and that Messrs. Claude and Chapman be a committee to inform him of his appointment, and request his attendance every morning at the hour of meeting, to perform Divine service.

Mr. Mayer, presented the petition of Samuel Sands, of Baltimore, making certain proposals for the public printing; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr. Pigman, submitted the following order; which was read and adopted.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed by the President, to report such rules and regulations as they may deem advisable, for the government of the Senate during its present session: Messrs. Pigman, Taney and Sappington, were accordingly appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Taney, the following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, That the chief clerk of the Senate procure for the use of each member, such newspaper as he may direct, equal to the price of one daily newspaper.