

therefore, gentlemen, totally without words to express as I would my sense of your favor.

It would not be becoming in me to attempt to foreshadow the result of the proceedings of this Convention by reference in detail to any of its measures. They are unknown to me. It is only for me to say that you have been called here to frame a new Constitution or to adopt that which has had an existence *de facto* here for a brief space, and to express the opinion that you will discharge the duty that has been imposed upon you in such a manner as to promote the peace and order of the State, and to reflect lasting honor on yourselves. I trust, gentlemen, that the proceedings of this Convention will be marked by that harmony which should prevail among men of common opinions, and upon an occasion of so great magnitude.

I bring to this position no experience in reference to the duties of the chair. I shall have, therefore, gentlemen, to anticipate that indulgence from the members of this body, which their partiality has disclosed. I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor you have conferred upon me.

On motion of Mr. Maulsby,

A committee of three was appointed by the President to wait upon the Hon. D. R. Magruder, Judge of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundle county, and request him to attend the Convention and administer the oath of office to the President,

Whereupon the President appointed the following committee for that purpose.

Messrs. Robt. C. Barry, of Baltimore county, William P. Maulsby, of Frederick county, and George M. Gill, of Baltimore city.

After a brief absence, the committee returned with Judge Magruder.

On motion by Mr. Wickes, of Kent county,

A committee of three was appointed by the President to ascertain what oath the President, delegates and officers of the Convention was required to take; and to report to-morrow morning at the opening of the Convention.

Whereupon the President appointed

Messrs. Wickes, of Kent county, George William Brown, of Baltimore city, Albert Ritchie, of Baltimore city.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby,