

On motion of Mr. Hanson, it was

Ordered, That a Select Committee of five members be appointed by the Speaker, to whom shall be referred the message of the Governor, for the purpose of distributing various subjects treated therein to appropriate committees.

The Speaker then announced the following committee. Messrs. Hanson, Linthicum, Garner, Dudley and Finzell.

The Secretary appeared, and delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 3, 1900.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing that the Senate shall meet the House of Delegates in the hall of the House of Delegates, at 2.30 P. M., o'clock, this '3rd day of January, 1900, when the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall preside, and in the presence of both Houses open the returns of election for Governor of the State of Maryland, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, and we concur therein.

By order,

ALFRED RITTER,

Secretary.

Which was read.

JOINT CONVENTION.

The Senate appeared, accompanied by the committee appointed by the House, and took the seats assigned them.

The returns for the election of Governor were then opened by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in the presence of both Houses, in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution, Article 2, section 3, and were read by the Speaker.

It was found that Hon. John Walter Smith, had received 128,409 votes.

Hon. Lloyd Lowndes had received 116,286 votes.

Hon. James Swann had received 5,275 votes.