

Lowe, Markland, Marshall, Maynard, McCulloh, McElroy, Mearns, Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Morse Mullin, Nelson, Nicolai, Offutt, Owings, Pentland, Percy, Poteet, Richards, Riggs, Rohrer, Rose, Robb, Sanner, Seibert, Sudler, Silver, of B., Slingsluff, Smith, of Balt. City, Smith, of Worcester, Stewart, of Dorchester, Syester, Touchstone, Trimble, Vandiver, Wenner, Wentz, Jr., Williams, Worthington—86.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Blake,

The House took a recess until 2 o'clock.

Upon a re-assembling of the House,

On motion of Mr. Blake,

The House proceeded to the election of Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Syester,

William A. Stewart, Esq., of Baltimore City, was declared the unanimous choice of the House of Delegates for Speaker.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Coudy and Brown to conduct the Speaker to the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Biddison,

Mr. Syester was requested to administer the oath of office to the Speaker.

After qualifying, the Speaker delivered the following address, which,

On motion of Mr. Wentz,

Was ordered to be entered on the Journal.

GENTLEMEN :—

I am deeply sensible of the honor you have conferred upon me, by my election as Speaker of this House, with such unanimity. The only return I can make for your confidence thus reposed in me is to discharge the duties of the office with impartiality, and this, I assure you gentlemen, I will endeavor to do.

The larger portion of the members elected to this House appear in a legislative body for the first time—many are young men, who are now about to lay the foundation of that character by which they are to be known in the future, and I am sure I speak their sentiments, as well as my own, when I say that our efforts should be directed to the promotion of the best interests of our citizens, and to the advancement of the prosperity of our Commonwealth.

It is very rare in the history of popular governments that a body, so numerous as this House, should be elected by so overwhelming a majority, and that the political minority in our State should be without even one representative upon the floor of either House. I have never known a similar instance before, and the fact that we have no enemies among us to embarrass our proceedings, should be one great reason why we should speedily execute the task committed to us, and in