

Ordered, That the thanks of this House are hereby tendered to the Hon. John L. Biddison, for his dignified and courteous discharge of the duties of temporary Chairman of this House ;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Syester,

At 4 o'clock P. M. the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, January 3, 1868.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hammond.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Stewart, (Speaker,) Albaugh, Beck, Biddison, Blake, Bond, of Baltimore city, Bond, of Calvert, Bowlus, Brown, Boyer, Byers, Chaisty, Chapman, Clark, Coad, Colton, Conley, Conway, Corbin, Coudy, Dalrymple, Davis, of Carroll, Davis, of Cecil, Deale, Devecmon, Dutrow, Fooks, Guy, Hall, Hammond, Harden, Harig, Herbert, Holloway, Holmes, Hopkins, Horsey, Hubbard, Iglehart, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kean, Keech, Latrobe, Legg, Loker, Lowe, Markland, Maynard, McCulloh, McElroy, Mearns, Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Morse, Nelson, Nicolai, Offutt, Pentland, Percy, Poteet, Richards, Riggs, Robb, Rohrer, Rose, Sanner, Seibert, Silver, Slingluff, Smith, of Baltimore city, Smith, of Worcester, Stewart, of Dorchester, Sudler, Syester, Touchstone, Trimble, Vandiver, Wenner, Wentz, Jr., Williams, Worthington—83.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. James Stanton, officer elect, appeared, qualified, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Speaker appointed George W. Murdoch Hall-Keeper.

Mr. Brown submitted the following order :

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed by the Speaker to prepare rules for the House of Delegates, and further, that the rules of the last session be in force until others shall be adopted ;

Which was adopted, and

Messrs. Brown, Poteet, Syester, Bond, of Baltimore city, Stewart, of Dorchester, constituted said committee ;

Also, the following order :