

On motion by Mr. Clarke,

The Honorable Eli J. Henkle, of Anne Arundel County, was called to the Chair, and having assumed the same addressed the Senators present.

On motion by Mr. Hyland,

The Senators elect took and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution.

On motion by Mr. Snyder, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it stands adjourned until to-morrow at 12 M.

On motion by Mr. Hyland,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 6, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Henderson.

Present at the call of the roll the following Senators :

Messrs. Biggs, Browne, Carroll, Clarke, Compton, Den-
son, Earle, Fields, Grove, Henkle, Henry, Hyland, Jump,
Kimmel, Maddox, Malone, Miller, Parker, Sellman, Snyder,
Spates, Stephenson, Timmons, Welch, Wilson—24.

Hon. Wm. Kimmel, Senator from the first Legislative District of Baltimore City, and the Hon. Nathan Browne, the Senator from Carroll County, appeared in the Senate Chamber and took their seats.

On motion by Mr. Earle,

The Hon. Barnes Compton, of Charles county, was declared unanimously elected President of the Senate.

Mr. Compton was then conducted to the Chair by Senators Earle and Snyder, when he delivered the following address :

Permit me, Senators, before occupying the Chair to which your generous confidence has assigned me, to express to you my unfeigned thanks. I must rely upon your forbearance in the performance of its varied duties and obligations, and appeal to you now for your assistance and support, assured that this appeal will at all times be promptly and cordially responded to. However well versed an individual may be in the theory and principles of parliamentary law, *practice*—