

On motion by Mr. Maddox, it was

Ordered, That Augustus Gassaway be appointed Secretary ; W. H. Hiss, Reading Clerk ; R. V. Page, Journal Clerk ; James T. Blakistone, Sergeant-at-Arms ; S. J. Costigen, Postmaster ; John Williams, Doorkeeper ; L. W. Selby, Assistant Doorkeeper ; Clinton Lyles, Thomas Townsend, Alex. Robinson, and G. Carmack, Committee Clerks ; Philip Meadows, Messenger ; Saml. Greenwald and A. N. Boteler, Folders ; and James F. Valdenar, Page.

On motion by Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That the Rules for the government of the last Senate be adopted as the Rules of the present session, until otherwise ordered.

Mr Denson submitted the following Order :

Ordered, That the officers of the late Senate, who have attended the present session of the Senate, and assisted in its organization, and have not been reappointed to office, be paid for days' attendance.

On motion by Mr. Denson,

The blank in said Order was filled with the word " eight."

The Order, as amended, was then adopted.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, }
January 6, 1870. }

Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Delegates has organized by the election of the Hon. F. C. Latrobe as Speaker, and the appointment of Milton Y. Kidd, Esq., as Chief Clerk. We are now ready to proceed with the business of the session, and propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Committee of five members, to wait on the Governor and inform him that the Legislature is prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. We have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Merrick, Loker, and Ritter.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
* Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Earle submitted the following message :