

BY THE SENATE,
January 6th, 1892.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We have received your message proposing to open the returns of the elections for Governor in the Hall of the House of Delegates to-day, at 2.10 P. M., in the presence of both Houses, in conformity with the Constitution of the State, and concur therein.

By order, W. G. PURNELL,
Which was read. Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, it was

Ordered, That a committee of twenty-three members be appointed by the Speaker, who shall report to this House the subordinate officers necessary for the furtherance of the business of the House, the number of whom shall not exceed the number of officers of the last House of Delegates, and the Speaker shall appoint his own Messenger and Messenger to Printer, who shall also carry the mail; and further ordered, that two Doorkeepers, Sergeant-at-Arms, and one Page of the last House of Delegates shall continue to act as such until their successors shall qualify.

On motion of Mr. Fox, it was

Ordered, That the thanks of this House are hereby tendered the Hon. Robert C. Combs, for the able and dignified discharge of the duties of Speaker *pro tem.* of this House.

On motion of Mr. Joyce, it was

Ordered, That the rules by which the last House of Delegates of the last General Assembly was governed, be hereby adopted as the rules of this House for the present session, subject to only such changes and alterations as may be hereafter made, and that the following be the Standing Committees of the House, and each shall consist of nine members, except Chesapeake and Tributaries, which shall consist of nineteen, according to rules, and the Committee on Rules shall consist of five:

- Committee on Judiciary.
- Committee on Manufactures.
- Committee on Elections.