

The Senate proceeded to the election of President.

Mr. McLane nominated Hon. Edward Lloyd of Talbot county.

The ballots having been taken and counted by Messrs. Dennis and Steiner, tellers, it appeared that there were 25 votes cast, of which the Hon. Edward Lloyd, received 21, and there were four blank votes.

Whereupon it was declared that the Hon. Edward Lloyd was duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr. Lloyd, was then conducted to the Chair, by Messrs. McLane and Bannon, and delivered the following address :

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

I thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me in selecting me as your presiding officer. Let me assure you, *one and all*, that I appreciate your kindness. The compliment of being elevated to a chair that has been filled by my *ancestors*, is one for which I return you my best acknowledgments. But I would be unworthy of your confidence not to say that it is with diffidence and distrust that I enter upon the discharge of the grave and responsible duties of President of the Senate of Maryland.

It is a high and important office, the duties of which it will be my effort to discharge faithfully.

I shall at all times endeavor to extend to each and every Senator that courtesy which is due from the presiding officer of this Body.

If, in the decision of questions submitted to the chair, I shall oftentimes be compelled to ask your indulgence, I feel sure it will not be denied me; with your aid and co-operation I trust the work of this Session will be satisfactory to ourselves and beneficial to the best interests of the State.

I again thank you, gentlemen, for your kind consideration and attention.

On motion by Mr. Lee,

The President's address was ordered to be entered upon the Journal.

On motion by Mr. McLane, it was

Ordered, That the officers of the Senate for the present Session shall be as follows :

*Secretary*—Augustus Gassaway.

*Reading Clerk*—Wm. H. Hiss.