

The House of Delegates has organized by the election of Hon. Lewis C. Smith 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 concur with your Honorable Body in the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the General Assembly is prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

We have appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Neal, Waters, of Carroll, and Naill.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Donaldson submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the consideration of the petition of J. Morrison Harris do lie on the table till such time as the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, do proceed to open the returns of the election for Governor.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gill submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 6th, 1876.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, that the Senate and House of Delegates shall meet in the Hall of the House, at two o'clock to-day, when the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall preside, and in the presence of both Houses, open the returns of the election for Governor of the State of Maryland, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of this State.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read,

The question recurring upon concurring in the message,

Mr. Robinson demanded the previous question.

The question then being "shall the main question be now put."