

On motion of Mr. Burgess,

It was ordered, to be entered on the Journal, that Mr. Stonestreet is detained from his seat by sickness.

The Speaker presented the following communication:

Annapolis, January 20, 1858.

To the Speaker of the House of Delegates,

SIR:—Allow me respectfully to tender my resignation of the office of the Chief Clerkship of the House of Delegates.

Respectfully yours, &c.

VAUGHAN SMITH.

On motion of Mr. McPherson,

The resignation of Mr. Smith was accepted.

Mr. Tilghman offered the following order:

Ordered, That James W. Clayton, of Cecil county, be and he is hereby appointed Chief Clerk of this House, in the place of Vaughan Smith, resigned.

Mr. Ford, of Baltimore county, moved to amend by striking out "James W. Clayton," and inserting "John F. King, of St. Mary's county;"

The yeas and nays being demanded on the amendment, appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Neale,	Goldsborough,	Schnebly,
Tongue,	Kidd,	Duvall,
Mackubin,	Belt,	Worthington,
Kilbourn,	Larrimore,	Thruston,
Burgess,	Sudler, of Q. A.	Barnard,
Ford, of Balt. co.	Landing,	Mountz—20.
Clarke,	Spence,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r,	Thomas,	Lynch, of B. city,
Wickes,	Harding,	Harrington,
Meginnis,	Bowlus,	Crowley,
Magruder,	Root,	Forrest,
Waller,	Koons,	Alexander,
Moore,	Hanway,	Rohrer,
Sudler, of Som.	Bacon,	Summers,
Tilghman,	Baker,	Gray,
Dail,	Todd,	McKinstry,
Richardson,	Stirling,	Reindollar,
Grieves,	Rogers,	Day,
Davis,	McPherson,	Dorsey—38.
Hearn,	Kennard,	