

The question then recurred and was put upon the adoption of the order as offered by Mr. Sprigg, of Allegany, and

Determined in the affirmative.

The sergeant named in said order accordingly qualified as such.

Mr. Brewer submitted the following order :

Ordered, That John Quynn, be appointed Doorkeeper to the present House of Delegates;

Which was read,

Mr. Seidenstricker, offered as a substitute for said order, the following :

Ordered, That William W. Murdoch, be appointed Doorkeeper to this house for the present session;

Which was read.

On the question being put, will the house accept said substitute ?

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was put, upon the adoption of the order as offered by Mr. Brewer,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The Doorkeeper named in said order then qualified as such.

On motion of Mr. Causin,

Ordered, That the rules of the last House of Delegates be adopted for the government of this house;

Mr. Hope submitted the following message :

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

*By the House of Delegates,*

December 29th, 1840.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

The House of Delegates is ready to proceed with the business of the session; we have chosen Charles Sterret Ridgely, Esq. Speaker, and George G. Brewer, Chief Clerk, and propose to sit from 10 A. M. until 3 o'clock, P. M. for the despatch of public business.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Clerk,

Mr. Gaither submitted the following message :

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

*By the House of Delegates,*

December 29th, 1840.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, the appointment of a joint committee of the two houses to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that we are prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and we have appointed Messrs Gaither and Hope to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body to perform the service.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Clerk,

Mr. Causin submitted the following message: