

On motion of Mr. Powder,

James A. Stewart, esquire, was also put in nomination for the same office.

The ballots being taken and counted by Messrs. Phelps and Powder, tellers appointed for that purpose, reported that it appeared that seventy-four votes had been cast, of which William H. Watson, esquire, received forty-five votes, and James A Stewart, esquire, received twenty-eight votes, and that there was one blank vote.

Whereupon, William H. Watson, esquire, having received a majority of the whole number present, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Delegates, and accordingly took the Chair.

Mr. Potter submitted the following order:

Ordered, that George G. Brewer, of Anne Arundel county, be Chief Clerk of the present House of Delegates;

Which was read.

Mr. Powder submitted as a substitute for the said order the following:

Ordered, that John Nick Watkins be appointed Chief Clerk, and Peter Webb assistant Clerk of the House of Delegates;

Which was read.

On the question being put,

Will the House accept the substitute?

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the original order, and

Determined in the affirmative.

The clerk named in said order appeared and qualified.

Mr. Waters of Somerset, submitted the following order, which was twice read and adopted:

Ordered, that Benjamin E. Gantt, of Anne Arundel county, be appointed Reading Clerk of this House; and that Harry D. Gough of Harford county, Robert W. Carter of Montgomery county, Otho Shpley of Carroll county, William Lecompte of Dorchester county, and John W. Rider of Somerset county, be appointed Committee Clerks of this House.

The clerks named in said order appeared and qualified.

On motion of Mr. Franklin,

Ordered, that Levin J. M. P. Broadwater of Worcester county, be Sergeant-at-Arms for the present House of Delegates,

Who qualified as such.

On motion of Mr. Lynch,

Ordered, that William B. Tabler of Frederick county, be Door-keeper of the present House of Delegates,

Who qualified as such.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following message, which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate: