

Mr. Potter moved to lay said preamble and order on the table.

On motion of Mr. Calvert,

The House was called and the doorkeeper sent after the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Ghiselin,

The House resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the doorkeeper.

Mr. Patterson submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to James H. Coulter, sixty dollars out of any money unappropriated in the Treasury, for services rendered to the House of Delegates ;

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

The House agreed to take up at 11 o'clock, the bill reported by him, entitled, an act to alter and amend the Constitution and Form of Government, so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the Legislature, and for other purposes.

Mr. Potter submitted the following order :

Ordered, That when this House adjourn on Monday next, at the morning session, it shall meet again every evening thereafter at 7 o'clock, until the close of the session for the despatch of public business ;

Which was twice read,

On motion of Mr. Biser,

Said order was laid on the table.

The doorkeeper having returned, reported, that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the House was required.

The House then resumed the consideration of the preamble and order submitted by Mr. Harris, in relation to the annexation of Texas ;

On the question being put, on laying said preamble and order on the table ;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Maffitt,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.	Bowdle	Polk
Chapman, Sp'ker.	Goldsborough	Amos
Ford of St. M.	Long	McKnett
Hopewell	Phillips	Potter
Tilden	Lankford	Jump
Hollyday of Kent,	Keene	Clarke
Spencer	Tall	Boteler
Stewart	Harrison	Motter