

peared that there had been seventy-five votes taken, of which John G. Chapman, Esquire, of Charles county, received seventy four votes, and that there was one blank ballot ;

Whereupon, John G. Chapman, Esquire, was declared duly elected the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and accordingly took the Chair.

Mr. Sprigg of P. George's moved the following order :

Ordered, That George G. Brewer, be Chief Clerk, Benjamin E. Gantt, Reading Clerk, William B. Smyth, Charles Hardcastle, Edmund Stephens, Z. D. Blakistone and J. W. Rider, Committee Clerks, Samuel Whittington, Sergeant-at-arms, and Daniel Nyman, Doorkeeper, of the present House of Delegates ;

Which was twice read and adopted.

The clerks named in said order, then severally qualified as such.

Mr. Johnson, of Frederick, presented the memorial of Edward Buckey, of Frederick county, claiming a seat as member of the House of Delegates from said county, in the place of J. H. Worthington, Esquire, who was returned by the judges of the election a member of said House ;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Frederick,

Referred to the committee on elections, to be hereafter appointed.

Mr. Johnson, of Frederick, then submitted the following order:

Ordered by the House of Delegates, that the memorial of Edward Buckey, Esq., be referred to the committee on elections, hereafter to be appointed, and that in the meantime, the Speaker of the House be directed to issue to the sergeant-at-arms, a subpoena duces tecum, directing him to summon John S. Motter, the return judge of the third election district of Frederick county, and commanding him to appear forthwith before the committee on elections, and to bring before said committee the ballots referred to in the memorial of said Edward Buckey ;

Which was twice read and adopted.

Mr. Kilgour submitted the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,  
December 31st, 1844.*  
Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Delegates is ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have chosen John G. Chapman, Esquire, Speaker, and George G. Brewer, Chief Clerk.

By order,  
George G. Brewer, Clk.

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