

Messrs. Westcott, Cosden, Claude, Iglehart, Henkle, Griffith, Davis, Carrico, Hoffman, Poteet, Wright, Pearce, of Baltimore county, Lusby, Lester, Kerr, McNeal, Matthews, Hyland, Handy, Douglass, Elliott, Frazier, Brohawn, Jones, Stubbs, Boulden, Hance, Clark, Herbert, Pierce, of Queen Anne's, Tolson, Duncan, Smith, Murray, of Worcester, Hammond, Buhrman, Biggs, Rinehart, Snyder, Trail, McCoy, Hitchcock, Archer, Ridgaway, Kemp, Barron, Silverwood, Chappell, Stevens, Stockbridge, Lee, Murray, of Baltimore city, Dundon, Mules, Boswell, Cushwa, Masters, Miller, Gantz, Zeigler, Fawcett, Young, Greene, Shaw, Brown, Hebb, Ecker, Waters, Starr, Sykes, Tyson.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Chairman announced that the first business in order was the election of Speaker.

Mr. Jones nominated Thomas H. Kemp, Esq., of Caroline county.

Mr. Davis nominated John F. Dent, Esq., of St. Mary's county.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Westcott and Green tellers.

Upon counting the ballots it was ascertained that seventy-one votes had been cast, of which Mr. Kemp received fifty-four votes and Mr. Dent sixteen votes, and that there was one blank vote.

Whereupon the Hon. Thomas H. Kemp was declared by the Chairman to be duly elected Speaker of the House of Delegates.

On taking the Chair the Speaker delivered the following

ADDRESS :

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

The vote just announced both impresses me with the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me and the high, delicate and important responsibilities it imposes. Called together as the representatives of the loyal and intelligent people of Maryland, it becomes our chiefest aim and object to extend and intensify that loyalty, and place our State in the most easy, cordial and harmonious relation with our National Government in its sanguinary struggle for its existence. Let our deliberations be made to that end, and to the further end of justice to all the interests of our people. Let our actions be wise, prudent and just—tending to allay, rather than to irritate or alienate the feeling between the different shades of opinion, which, unfortunately, exists among us.