

In discharging the duties of this honorable position, gentlemen, I shall endeavor to be courteous and obliging to all, and hope, and expect, I shall receive a like courtesy from you, and be sustained in the same spirit of confidence in the discharge of the duties which has induced you to call me to the position. I return you my profound thanks and gratitude, for the honor you have done me.

On motion of Mr. Stockbridge,

The oath of office was administered to the Speaker elect by Mr. Hammond, the temporary Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Lester,

The members were then severally qualified by the Speaker, by taking the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution.

Mr. Chappell offered the following order:

Ordered, that William R. Cole, of Baltimore city, be and he is hereby appointed Chief Clerk of this House; that John H. Shaw, of Allegany county, be and he is hereby appointed Reading Clerk of this House; that Bull & Tuttle, of Baltimore city, be and they are hereby appointed Printers of this House; that Alfred D. Evans, of Baltimore city, be and he is hereby appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of this House; that Henry Tritch, of Washington county, and Thomas Cooper, of Baltimore county, be and they are hereby appointed Doorkeepers; that John H. Seabrook, of Frederick county, Thomas Tipton, of Carroll county, John H. Baker, of Harford county, S. L. Duhamel, of Queen Anne's county, and George Stewart, of Kent county, be and they are hereby appointed Committee Clerks; that E. T. Hilton, of Frederick county be and he is hereby appointed Postmaster; and that John W. Dean, of Talbot county, be and he is hereby appointed Folder of this House;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Claude offered the following order:

Ordered, That the State Librarian be and he is hereby instructed to furnish one copy of the Constitution of Maryland, with marginal notes, to each member of this House;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stockbridge offered the following order:

Ordered, That the thanks of this House are hereby tendered to Hon. Thomas Hammond for his dignified and courteous discharge of the duties of temporary Chairman of the House;

Which was adopted.