

acknowledgments to the house, and took his seat accordingly.

Mr. Eccleston submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Gideon Pearce, clerk to the late house of delegates, be, and he is hereby appointed clerk to this house.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the resolution was amended by adding thereto the following words "and that George G. Brewer, assistant clerk to the late house of delegates, be, and he is hereby, also appointed a-sistant clerk to this house."

The resolution, so amended, was unanimously adopted.

Ordered, That the clerk and assistant clerk be severally qualified as such, by taking the several oaths required, by subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath, "that they will honestly, faithfully and diligently, discharge the duties of their respective appointments, according to the best of their abilities, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house of delegates."

Having qualified according to the above order, before the justice of the peace above named, the said clerks took their seats at their respective desks.

On motion of Mr. Eccleston, the house proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a sergeant at arms; Gottlieb I. Grammer and Richard Williams having been severally nominated for that office, the ballots of the members were collected, and Messrs. Eccleston and Turner, the gentlemen named by the speaker, to examine and count the ballots, and report the result, having retired to the committee room a short time, returned and reported, that of the seventy-two ballots taken, Mr. Grammer had forty-five votes, Mr. Williams had twenty-six votes, and that there was one blank ballot.

Mr. Grammer was therefore declared duly elected sergeant at arms of the house of delegates. Whereupon, it was Ordered, That he be qualified as such, conformably to the above order, with respect to the clerks. And he was accordingly so qualified before the justice of the peace above named.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, it was resolved unanimously, That John Quynn, door keeper to the late house of delegates, be, and he is hereby, appointed door keeper to this house; whereupon, it was, Ordered, That he be qualified as such, conformably to the above order with respect to the clerks. And he was accordingly so qualified before the justice of the peace above named.

William Price, esquire, who is declared and returned a delegate duly elected for Allegany county, appeared, was