

On motion of Mr. Teackle, it was

Ordered, That the clerk *pro tempore* appoint two of the members to examine and count the ballots, and report the result.

Messrs. Teackle and Merrick were thereupon appointed; who having performed the service assigned them, reported, that of the sixty-seven ballots taken, Mr. Richard Thomas, had received fifty-two votes, Mr. Littleton D. Teackle had received two votes, and that there were thirteen blank ballots, Whereupon.

Mr. Richard Thomas was declared duly elected the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and being conducted by Messrs. Chapman and Blakistone to the speaker's chair, he made his acknowledgments to the House, and took his seat accordingly.

Mr. Parker, who had been declared and returned as a delegate duly elected to the General Assembly for Worcester county, as aforesaid, also appeared, and having qualified according to law, before Gideon Pearce, the justice of the peace above named, took his seat as a member of the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Duvall.

The House appointed George G. Brewer their clerk, and James H. Milbourne Assistant Clerk. Ordered that they be 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 offices, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the House.'

Mr. Gant submitted the following orders; which were read and adopted.

Ordered, That Gotleb J. Grammer, be Sergeant at Arms, and John Quinn, Door-keeper, during the present session.

Ordered also, That Benjamin Seegar, Isaac Hines, Robert Richardson, Thomas W. Watkins and George A. Farquhar, be the Committee Clerks. Whereupon it was Ordered, That they be qualified as such.

On motion by Mr. M'Elfresh the following message was read and assented to.

By the House of Delegates,  
December 28, 1830.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This House having formed a quorum, are ready to proceed in the business of the session. We have appointed the Honourable Richard Thomas, Speaker, and George G. Brewer, Esq. chief clerk, and we propose to sit for the dispatch of business, from ten o'clock in the morning, until three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Clk.