

Mr. Morsell, submitted the following order;  
Ordered, That John W. Pratt, Thomas Kearney, jr. Mackall Harris, Benjamin Seegar, and Robert Griffith, be committee clerks, during the present session.

Which was read.

Mr. Schley offered as a substitute for said order, the following:—

Whereas, the mode of appointing committee clerks to this house, adopted at the last session of the Legislature, is aristocratic in its principles, inconsistent with our republican institutions, and at variance with the established customs of this House—Therefore,

Ordered, That we now proceed to elect by ballot, five committee clerks, and the three from the Western, and two from the Eastern Shore, receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared, duly elected the committee clerks for the present session.

Which was read.

Mr. Ely, then moved to lay the order and substitute on the table.

Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on the adoption of the substitute.

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was put on the adoption of the order.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the clerks named in said order, qualify as such.

On motion by Mr. Ely,

Ordered, That the rules and regulations for the government of the last House of Delegates, be adopted as the rules for the government of this house, until they be revised, or other rules adopted.

Mr. Brewer, submitted the following order, which was twice read, and adopted;

Ordered, That Gotleb J. Grammar, be appointed Sergeant at Arms, and John Quynn, door-keeper, to this house, during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Brewer,

Ordered, That the members of this house, in respect to the memory of James Williamson, Esq. deceased, a delegate elect for the city of Annapolis, and Thomas Kennedy, Esq. a delegate elect for Washington county, wear crape on the left arm for thirty days.