

THURSDAY, January 4th, 1872.

The House met.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Colton, of St. Mary's, Wilmer, Hurtt, Wells, Duvall, Henkle, Bond, Sparrow, Chapman, Stone, Shipley, Ford, of Balt. county, Litzinger, Spencer, Banks, Turner, Butler, Goldsborough, Roach, Waller, Daugherty, Smith, Vickers, Radcliffe, Groome, Mearns, Penington, Scott, Sasser, Bowie, Eareckson, Ford, of Queen Anne's, Franklin, Parker, Phillips, Rowe, Delaplane, Miller, Routzahn, Riley, Baldwin, Streett, Hardcastle, Deweese, McCosker, Hamilton, T. H., Cooper, Hamilton, C. R., Jamart, Foster, Staylor, Stewart, Travers, Clark, of Balt. city, Colton, of Balt. city, Kirk, Chaisty, Harig, Feig, McColgan, Markland, Griswold, Young, of Wash. county, Ardinger, Newcomer, Whitson, Hilton, Riggs, Clark, of Mont., Porter, Coles, Young, of Allegany, Robinette, Steele, Lamotte, L. A. J., Polk, Lamotte, H. H., Linthicum, Gorman, Johnson, Langrell—81.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Smith moved that the House do now proceed to the election of a Speaker by ballot.

Decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Chapman nominated the Hon. Arthur P. Gorman, of Howard.

Mr. Routzahn nominated Hon. G. E. Porter, of Allegany.

On motion of Mr. Kirk,

The nominations were closed.

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The Speaker appointed Mr. Kirk and Mr. Routzahn to act as tellers.

Upon the call of the roll it appeared that eighty-one members had voted.

On counting the ballots it was ascertained that the Hon. Arthur P. Gorman had received 68 votes, and the Hon. G. E. Porter 11 votes,

Two blank ballots being cast.

Whereupon, it appearing that the Hon. Arthur P. Gorman had received a majority of all the votes cast,