

On motion of Mr. John Lewis, Ken,

The said six Certificates were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. John P. Kennedy,

The President appointed Messrs. John P. Kennedy, James M. Coate and David Hoffman, a committee to prepare and report a Form of Certificate to authenticate the votes of the Electors, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of the United States.

Mr. John P. Kennedy, from the said Committee, submitted the following Form of Certificate, which was read and adopted:

To the Honorable, the President of the Senate of the United States of America.

We the undersigned, duly elected Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America, in and for the State of Maryland, as will fully appear by reference to the annexed show sheet, being the Certificate furnished by the Executive Authority of the State of Maryland, do hereby certify that on the First Wednesday in December, in the year one Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty, we met at the City of Annapolis, in said State, being the place where by the Laws of the State of Maryland, the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, on the part of said State, are directed to meet to perform the trust reposed in them; and that, then and there, having duly organized, and qualified, William Henry Harrison, of the State of Ohio, was put in nomination for President of the United States of America, for the four years from and after the Third day of March next ensuing; and John Tyler, of the State of Virginia, was put in nomination for Vice President of the United States of America for the four years from and after the Third day of March next ensuing: that we then and there, in pursuance of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, proceeded to vote, by ballot, for President of the United States of America, and, upon counting the ballots, it was ascertained that William Henry Harrison, of the State of Ohio, received the votes for President of the United States of America: that we then proceeded to vote

in such count, it would have been the duty of the Electors to prepare and certify six instead of three Electoral Certificates.

This note is made, with great deference by the Secretary, with the view of avoiding trouble and confusion hereafter, the Electors being from the nature of their duties, the limited time allowed them, and other circumstances, much hurried in discharging them.