

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

The Speaker was then qualified by Mr. Price, the temporary chairman.

On motion of Mr. Hammond, of Howard,

The Speaker administered the oath of office to the members.

T. Snowden Thomas, Chief Clerk elect; James P. Milnor, Oliver Wood, Leonard Picking, Isaac Gibbons, Thomas H. England, John H. Baker, Otho Shipley, James R. Donoho, William R. Hammond, and Esma Lowe, officers elect, appeared and were qualified by the Speaker.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

*By the Senate,*

December 4, 1861.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

The Senate has organized, and is prepared to proceed with the business of the session. The Senate has elected the Hon. H. H. Goldsborough, President, and appointed Chapman Harwood, Secretary.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,

Secretary.

Mr. Herbert submitted the following:

*By the House of Delegates,*

December 4, 1861.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message informing us of the organization of your Honorable Body. The House of Delegates has organized by the election of Hon. John Summerfield Berry, of Baltimore county, Speaker, and T. Snowden Thomas, of Cecil county, Chief Clerk.

We are now ready to proceed to the business of the session, and propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to appoint a joint committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and receive any communication he may be pleased to make. We have appointed Messrs. Herbert, Phelps, and Johnson, of Baltimore county, as a committee on the part of the House.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,

Chief Clerk.