

Richard Thomas, Esquire, was put in nomination for President of the Senate.

The ballot box was prepared and the ballots deposited therein. It was then sea'ed up and delivered by the clerk to Messrs. Schley and Ricaud, who, on examination thereof, reported that there had been nine votes given, all of which were for Richard Thomas.

Whereupon it was declared, that the Honorable Richard Thomas, is duly elected President of the Senate.

He accordingly took the chair.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

The Senate proceeded to ballot for the election of clerks, when it appeared that Joseph H. Nicholson, was elected Chief Clerk, Mr. John N. Watkins, Assistant Clerk, and Mr. Samuel W. Spencer, Committee Clerk.

They severally qualified as such.

On motion of Mr. Purnell,

The following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, that Mr. Andrew Slicer be appointed Messenger, and Mr. Samuel Peaco Door Keeper to the Senate.

They severally qualified as such.

Mr. Goldsborough submitted the following message, Which was read and adopted:

By the Senate,

December 27, 1836.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.

The Senate having organized by the appointment of Richard Thomas, Esquire, President, and Joseph H. Nicholson, Esquire, Chief Clerk, are ready to proceed with the business of the session, and propose to sit from ten o'clock in the morning, till three o'clock in the afternoon

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, Clk.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

The following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, that the Rev. Mr. McIlhinney be appointed chaplain to the Senate, and that Messrs. Ricaud and Hiliary be a committee to inform him of his appointment, and request his attendance every morning at the hour of meeting to perform divine service.

On motion of Mr. Schley,

The following order was read and adopted: