

the duty that has been imposed upon you in such a manner as to promote the peace and order of the State, and to reflect lasting honor on yourselves. I trust, gentlemen, that the proceedings of this Convention will be marked by that harmony which should prevail among men of common opinions, and upon an occasion of so great magnitude.

I bring to this position no experience in reference to the duties of the chair. I shall have, therefore, gentlemen, to anticipate that indulgence from the members of this body which their partiality has disclosed. I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor you have conferred upon me. [Applause.]

On motion of Wm. P. Maulsby, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Maulsby, R. C. Barry and George M. Gill, was then appointed to wait on Judge Daniel R. Magruder and request his attendance for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the members of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Wickes, of Kent, a committee of three was ordered to prepare the form of oath to be submitted to the members of the Convention.

The Chair then appointed Messrs. Wickes, Brown and Ritchie as the committee.

Mr. James R. Brewer offered a resolution to provide for the appointment of a committee to arrange the seats so that the delegations from the different counties and the city of Baltimore shall have contiguous seats, but afterwards withdrew the motion.

The Convention then, at 2.30 P. M., adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

It was announced that an informal meeting would be held tonight in reference to the officers of the Convention.

SECOND DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1867.

The Convention met at 11 A. M. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Leech, of Annapolis.

After the call of the roll the journal of yesterday's