

The Chair appointed Messrs. John P. Kennedy, John Lewis Kern and Richard S. Bovis a committee to report a mode of organizing the Electors.

Mr. John P. Kennedy, from said committee, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee appointed to consider and report upon the proper mode of organizing the College recommend that the usual officers, consisting of a President and Secretary, be elected by ballot; a majority of the ballots cast, to constitute a choice; and that a Messenger and Bookkeeper be appointed by ordinary nomination and vote.

The Electors present accordingly proceeded to ballot; when Mr. George Howard was duly elected President. On taking the Chair he briefly addressed the Electors.

They then proceeded to elect a Secretary by ballot; when it appeared that Joseph H. Vinton was duly elected.

On motion of Mr. John P. Kennedy,

Mr. Andrew Stein was appointed Messenger, and Mr. Samuel Pease, Bookkeeper.

On motion of Mr. James M. Coats,

The following Preamble and Resolutions were submitted and assented to:

WHEREAS, it is understood that no record has been kept of the proceedings of the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, in and for the State of Maryland, except for the years, Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-two, and Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-six, nor of any of the Forms committed therewith, nor of the names of the Electors, nor of the persons voted for from time to time, for President and Vice President of the United States by the Electors duly elected by the People of this State: And Whereas, as it is important and proper that the same, so far as practicable, should be obtained and preserved among the Archives of this State;

Therefore,

Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to the General Assembly of Maryland, to cause to be procured from the proper officer of the General Government, full and authentic copies of all records of the proceedings of each and every College of Presidential Electors of the State of Maryland, prior to the year Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-four, or manyer than four or six; and to have the same recorded in a Book, for that purpose to be obtained, together with the proceedings of the Colleges of the years, Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-two, Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-six and the present year.

Mr. Thomas A. Spenn, of Worcester County, who had also been