

*For the City of Baltimore*—Wm. F. Giles, John C. Le Grand, John J. Graves, John B. Seidenstricker and Francis Gallagher, Esqrs.

*For Washington County*—John Thomson Mason, Michael Newcomer, and William McK. Keppler, Esqrs.

*For Montgomery County*—Richard R. Waters, William Langan Gaither, and Robert T. Dade, Esqrs.

*For Allegany County*—Jeremiah Berry and Jefferson M. Price, Esqrs.

*For Carroll County*—Thomas Hook, Joseph M. Parke, and George Bramwell, Esqrs.

A sufficient number of Delegates being convened to form a quorum,

On motion of Mr. Risteau,

They severally qualified in the presence of each other, agreeably to the Constitution and Form of Government.

Mr. Phelps moved that the House proceed to the choice of a Speaker.

Mr. Risteau moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

Determined in the affirmative.

And the House accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

## TUESDAY, December 31st, 1839.

Present the same members as on yesterday.

William Coad and Joseph F. Shaw, Esqrs., delegates returned from St. Mary's county, Jesse J. Dalrymple, Esq. a delegate returned from Calvert county, and Cathell Humphreys, Esq. a delegate returned for Somerset county, severally appeared, qualified and took their seats.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The house proceeded to ballot for a Speaker, the ballots of the members being collected in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that sixty ballots were taken, of which number James W. Williams, Esquire, of Harford county, received thirty-eight votes, and Charles Sterrett Ridgely, Esquire, of Anne Arundel county, received twenty-two votes.

Whereupon James W. Williams, Esquire, was declared duly elected the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and accordingly took the chair.

Mr. Sprigg submitted the following order :

Ordered, That George G. Brewer be appointed chief clerk, and Eli Duvall assistant clerk, of the present House of Delegates.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Mason offered as a substitute for said order the following :  
Resolved, That John N. Watkins be appointed chief clerk,