

TUESDAY, November 28, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Mr. Sanderson in the chair. The roll being called, there appeared a quorum present.

Mr. O. M. Avery, Senator from the First District, presented his certificate, and was duly sworn by John W. Cowart, Esq., Justice of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. White, ordered that the Senate open by prayer. Rev. Mr. Choice officiated.

Messrs. Burritt from the Fourteenth District, Costin, from the Nineteenth District, and Tracey, from the Sixteenth District, appeared and took their seats. *Elid Oct. 6 1847*

On motion of Mr. Burritt, the Senate proceeded to the election of a President.

Mr. Lorimer nominated Mr. Tracey, of Nassau. Mr. Tracey was unanimously elected.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Floyd, Costin, and Avery, were appointed to conduct the President elect to the Chair. Which duty being performed, the President, in an appropriate address, expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Chief Secretary.

Mr. White nominated Mr. Charles W. Downing, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. D. J. Smith, the Senate proceeded to the election of Assistant Secretary.

Mr. White nominated Mr. William C. Bryan, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. White, the Senate proceeded to the election of Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk.

Mr. Austin nominated Samuel Love, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. Lorimer, the Senate proceeded to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Lorimer nominated Waller Taylor.

Mr. Moseley nominated Robert Potts.

Mr. Forward nominated Samuel B. Foster.

The vote was as follows:

For Taylor—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Burritt, Crawford, Lorimer, Sanderson, D. J. Smith, Watts, White—9.

For Potts—Mr. President, Messrs. Floyd, Moseley—3.

For Foster—Messrs. Aldrich, Brown, Costin, Forward—4.

Mr. Taylor was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, the Senate proceeded to the election of Messenger.

Mr. Crawford nominated Nathaniel A. Jameson, who was unanimously elected.

Messrs. Downing, Love, Taylor, and Jameson were then duly sworn by John W. Cowart, Justice of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Avery, the rules of the last Senate were adopted as the rules of the present Senate until other rules be adopted.

Mr. John Ghent, Senator from the Third District, presented his certificate; and was duly sworn.

On motion of Mr. Lorimer, a committee was appointed to select and invite a clergyman to officiate as Chaplain to the Senate during the present session.

Messrs. Lorimer, Avery, and Floyd were appointed said committee.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 11½ o'clock.

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The Senate resumed its session.

On motion of Mr. Burritt, a committee was appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate was now organized and ready to proceed to business.

Messrs. Burritt, Austin and Forward were appointed said committee—who reported that that duty had been performed.

On motion of Mr. Mosely, a committee of three, to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, was appointed to wait upon and inform his Excellency the Governor that the General Assembly was now organized and ready to proceed to business.

Messrs. Mosely, Avery and Watts were appointed said committee.

On motion, Messrs. Avery, Sanderson and Floyd were appointed a committee to draft rules for the government of the Senate during the present session.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House was now organized and ready to proceed to business.

The following message from the House was received and read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Nov. 28, 1848.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has constituted a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Coleman, Maxwell and Ellis, to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and inform him of the organization of the General Assembly, the House having received a message from the Senate to the effect of their appointment of such committee.

Respectfully,

WM. B. LANCASTER,

Clerk Ho. Reps.

The committee appointed to inform his Excellency the Governor of the organization of the General Assembly, reported that they had performed that duty.

The following message from his Excellency the Governor was received and read:

Gentlemen of the Senate

and of the House of Representatives:

The duty devolved upon me by the Constitution of addressing you on subjects of interest and importance to the State, furnishes me an