

power of sending for persons and papers. We propose, that the joint committee shall meet at four o'clock P. M. during the session, for the consideration of the subject referred to them.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, it was Ordered, That when this house adjourn, it stand adjourned till 6 o'clock this evening.

The house then adjourned until 6 o'clock P. M.

6 O'CLOCK P. M.

The house met, agreeably to adjournment.

The speaker being absent, on motion by Mr. Tyson, Thomas B. Hall, esquire, was called to the chair.

On motion by Mr. Crabb, the following message was twice read and assented to, viz.

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 20, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have to discharge the melancholy duty of announcing to you the death of our late valued chief clerk John Brewer. We propose to evidence our respect for the deceased by wearing the usual mourning for twenty days, and we also propose, that the members of both branches of the legislature meet in their respective chambers, at 3 o'clock to morrow afternoon, to join the procession which will attend his corpse to the place of interment.

By order,

Gideon Pearce, Clk. pro tem.

On motion by Mr. Crabb, the following order was twice read, viz.

Ordered, That Messrs. ——— be and they are hereby appointed a committee to direct the funeral ceremonies of the late chief clerk of this house.

The blank therein was, at the request of the house, filled up by the chairman, with the names of Messieurs Crabb, Speed, Done, Banning and Barnes, and the order was then adopted.

The house adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, January 22d, 1827.

The house met. Were present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Mordecai Smith, who had been absent a few days, appeared and took his seat in the house.

Edward Griffith, Esquire, a delegate returned as duly elected for Dorchester county, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of John R. Pitt, Esquire, appeared, and having been duly qualified in the manner and form prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state, before Gideon White, Esquire, a justice of the peace for Anne Arundel county, took his seat as a member of the house of delegates.

On motion by Mr. Norris, the house proceeded to the choice of a chief clerk, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of John Brewer, Esquire; when Gideon Pearce was unanimously elected; whereupon Gideon Pearce