

was declared to be unanimously elected the chief clerk of the house of delegates. He was accordingly duly qualified as such, 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, and entered on the duties of his office.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, it was Ordered, That the votes of a majority of all the attending members shall be necessary to constitute an election to the office of the assistant clerk of the house of delegates, now become vacant by the election of Gideon Pearce as the chief clerk.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough, the house then proceeded to the election of an assistant clerk, to supply the vacancy caused by the election of Gideon Pearce, to the office of chief clerk; when George G. Brewer, Joseph Mayo, and Louis Gassaway, were nominated.

The ballot box being prepared, the members deposited their ballots therein. And Messrs. Crabb and Tyson, who were appointed tellers to examine and count the ballots and report the result, having retired to the committee room, after the lapse of a short time returned and reported, that seventy-three ballot appeared to have been taken, of which number George G. Brewer had obtained thirty-five votes, Joseph Mayo had obtained nineteen votes, and Louis Gassaway had obtained nineteen votes, and that neither of the gentlemen nominated having obtained the votes of a majority of the attending members, no election had been made.

On motion by Mr. Crabb, the name of Louis Gassaway was then permitted to be withdrawn from the nomination; whereupon another balloting occurred, and the tellers having retired to the committee room, for the purpose of examining and counting the ballots, after the lapse of a short time again returned and reported that seventy-six ballots appeared to have been taken, and of that number, that George G. Brewer had obtained forty-seven votes, and that Joseph Mayo had obtained twenty-nine votes; whereupon, it was declared that George G. Brewer was duly elected the assistant clerk of the house of delegates. And he was accordingly duly qualified as such, 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, and entered on the duties of his office.

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

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 22d, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Gideon Pearce has been elected the chief clerk of this house, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the late clerk.