

JOURNAL
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE
STATE OF DELAWARE.

At an adjourned session of the General Assembly, convened and held at Dover, on Tuesday, the sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the seventy-sixth.

TUESDAY, January 6th, 1852.

The House met pursuant to Resolution of adjournment, passed February 28th, 1851.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of State, which

On motion of Mr. Boys,

Was read as follows, to wit:—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
DOVER, *January 5th, 1852.*

HON. SAMUEL JEFFERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,

SIR:—By the direction of His Excellency, the Governor, I herewith submit to you, certified copies of the official returns of the special election held on the first

Tuesday of November, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, in obedience to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, entitled "An act concerning a Convention," passed at Dover, February 26, 1851.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED P. ROBINSON,

Secretary of State.

An abstract of the above returns, furnished by the Secretary of State, was also read, by which it appeared that there were given

FOR A CONVENTION,

In New Castle County,	1463 votes.
" Kent County,	803 "
" Sussex County,	1069 "
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	3335

AGAINST A CONVENTION,

In New Castle County,	331 votes.
" Kent County,	560 "
" Sussex County,	60 "
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	951

FOR NO CONVENTION,

In New Castle County,	8 votes.
" Kent County,	51 "
" Sussex County,	221 "
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	280

BLANK VOTES,

In New Castle County,	2 votes.
" Kent County,	1 "
" Sussex County,	1 "
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Making the total number of votes given in the State.	4554
And the majority FOR A CONVENTION,	3124

Mr. Martin offered the following resolution, which,

On his motion,

Was read and

Adopted.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, That a committee of six on the part of the House of Representatives, and three on the part of the Senate, be appointed to examine the returns of the special election, presented to both Houses, by the

Governor of the State ; and to report to both Houses the proper action to be taken in regard to a Convention.

The Speaker then announced the committee as follows, viz, —
Messrs. Martin, Boys, Newton, Harper, C. Smithers, and Pride.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Pride offered the following resolution, which,

On his motion,

Was read as follows :—

Whereas, the Hon. Peter Marsh, a member of the House of Representatives, from the County of Sussex, hath died since the adjournment of the Legislature, therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of our deceased fellow-member, by wearing crape on the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved further, That we do most sincerely sympathise with the relatives of the deceased, in this, their melancholy affliction.

Mr. Newton moved,

That the resolutions be adopted.

Which motion,

Prevailed.

On motion,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M., January 7, 1852.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Martin moved,

That the resolution passed yesterday, in reference to the appointment of a committee to examine the returns of the late special election for convention, be re-considered.

Which motion

Prevailed.

William G. Whiteley, Esq., Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, in-