

127
JOURNAL

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3557
OF
TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
Austin, Texas

Library and Historical
Commission
Austin, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

~~~~~  
BY AUTHORITY.  
~~~~~

72913

AUSTIN:

PRINTED BY CUSHNEY & HAMPTON, "STATE GAZETTE" OFFICE.
1852.

Upon calling the roll of members and a quorum being present, the Honorable Secretary of State announced as the next business in order, the election of Speaker.

Nominations being in order,

Mr. Stapp nominated Mr. Bryan of Brazoria.

“ Charlton “ “ Dickson.

“ Hamilton “ “ Runnels.

There being no other nominations, the House proceeded to ballot.

Messrs. Hamilton, Bryan of Cameron, and Hardeman of Nacogdoches were appointed tellers.

Upon counting the votes, it appeared that

Mr. Bryan had received 15 votes.

“ Dickson “ “ 20 “

“ Runnels “ “ 20 “

“ Fields “ “ 1 vote.

Neither of the candidates having received a majority of the votes cast, the House proceeded to a second balloting, when

Mr. Bryan received 14 votes.

“ Dickson “ “ 23 “

“ Runnels “ “ 18 “

“ Fields “ “ 1 vote.

“ Bee “ “ 1 “

Neither of the candidates having received a majority of the votes cast, the House proceeded to a third balloting, when

Mr. Bryan received 16 votes.

“ Dickson “ “ 20 “

“ Runnels “ “ 16 “

“ Fields “ “ 2 “

“ Tankersly “ “ 1 “

“ Jowers “ “ 1 “

Neither of the candidates having yet received a majority of the votes cast, the House proceeded to a fourth balloting, when

Mr. Bryan received 17 votes.

" Dickson	"	24	"
" Runnels	"	16	"
" Bee	"	1	vote.

Neither of the candidates having yet received a majority of the votes—on motion of Mr. Neal, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met—Roll called—Quorum present.

Mr. Titus presented the credentials of the Hon. James Rowe, member elect from the county of Panola, who came forward and took the oath of office and his seat.

The election of Speaker being under consideration when the House adjourned—the House proceeded to the fifth balloting, when Mr. Bryan received 11 votes.

" Dickson	19	"
" Runnels	22	"
" Fields	3	"
" Jowers	3	"
" Bee	1	"

There yet being no choice—the House proceeded to a sixth balloting, when

Mr. Bryan received	12	votes.
" Dickson	21	"
" Runnels	22	"
" Fields	1	vote.
" Jowers	1	"

There yet being no choice, the House proceeded to a seventh balloting, when

Mr. Bryan received	13	votes.
" Dickson	23	"
" Runnels	20	"
" Fields	2	"

There yet being no choice—the House proceeded to ballot the eighth time, when

Mr. Bryan received	11	votes.
" Dickson	24	"
" Runnels	22	"
" Fields	1	vote.

There being yet no choice, the House proceeded to a ninth balloting, when

Mr. Bryan	received	11	votes.
" Dickson	"	28	"
" Runnels	"	19	"

There being yet no choice, the House proceeded to a tenth balloting.

Mr. Stapp withdrew the name of Mr. Bryan.

The ballot stood as follows:

Mr. Dickson	received	30	votes.
" Runnels	"	27	"

Mr. Dickson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the present term.

On motion of Mr. Tankersly, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Tankersly and Neighbors, was appointed to wait upon Mr. Dickson and inform him of his election, and conduct him to his seat.

The Speaker having been conducted to the Chair by the committee, rose and addressed the House in the following manner:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

Elevated by your kind partiality to the responsible position of Speaker of the House of Representatives, permit me to tender you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, and to assure you that it shall be my constant care to discharge the duties now devolving upon me so as to advance the great interests committed to our charge, and at the same time, in an agreeable and pleasant manner to you.

The people of Texas have looked forward to the assembling of the present Legislature with much more than ordinary interest. Not only for the enactment of laws general and salutary in their character, but more particularly with the hope, and indeed, with the expectation that at the present session of their State Legislature, the heavy debt left upon them by the old Republic of Texas, is to be adjusted and settled, and that in consequence of this, and wholesome collateral legislation, the State will receive an impetus in her onward march to greatness, which nothing will be able effectually to retard or prevent. In this desire, so general, I heartily participate—and judging from the material of which this body is composed, I have no hesitation in expressing the belief, that it will be fully consummated. I intreat you, gentlemen, to observe toward each other, in all the discussions which may arise during your deliberations here, that courtesy and forbearance which is so eminently characteristic of Texians in council; and I cheerfully pledge myself to

discharge impartially, and to the best of my ability, the various duties appertaining to the position of Speaker.