

The President being absent the Senate was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Soule,

Ordered, That the Senate now proceed to elect a President pro tem. and that a Committee of three be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes.

Messrs. Soule, Burr (and Severance were appointed said Committee; who, having attended the duties assigned them, reported that the whole number of votes was

	15
Necessary for a choice	8
Nathaniel S. Littlefield had	19
Levi J. Ham	2
Rufus Soule	1
(and one blank	

Which report was read and accepted.

Nathaniel S. Littlefield was declared duly elected President Pro tem, who signified his acceptance by address, and took the Chair.

Address of the President, Pro tem.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I feel duly sensible of the honor you have just conferred upon me, and fully appreciate this mark of your kindness. Invoking your aid on all occasions, I will perform the duties of the Chair with such ability as I possess, during the absence of our respected presiding officer.