

On standing committee service, the designation of chairman (chm after a name) indicates that the chairman was referred to as such, and the committee was active. If the chairman was not named, but the committee was active, I tried to indicate it by a check. The chairman was almost always the first named member. The fact that the chairman was not indicated, does not mean the committee was inactive.

The Committee of the Whole House frequently met more than once on a single topic with the same chairman. I did not note the subsequent meetings (after I got into the swing of things) unless a new chairman reported. After it was not clear what the subject was under discussion. Its duties listed in House Rules.

1 April 1852 a list of tax collectors

2 May 1852 list of assessors for the counties including many legislators going back several years

A Committee of twenty one was often appointed which consists of one member from each county and one from Baltimore City.

After the convention of 1851 the house opened by the roll call of the members by the clerk from the previous session. If a quorum was present, a motion was made for a member to take the chair as temporary President. who presided over the election of the speaker. A temporary secretary was elected for a few years, but the practice soon ceased.