

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1841.

The house met. Present at the call of the roll, the following members:

Messrs. Heard, Causin, Welch, of Kent, Edes, Jones of Kent, Gantt, Estep, Dorsey, Dalrymple, Weems, Bowling, Brent, Matthews, Holmes, Poultney, Orrick, Welsh of Baltimore county, Randall, Lowe, Willis, Jones of Som., Williams, Jacobs, Keene, Frazier, Tall, Morton, Simcoe, Maxwell, Bowie, Tuck, Maccubbin, Brewer, George, Ford, Paca, Forman, Hearn, Cathell, Hooper, Richardson, Motter, Wm. Lynch, Naill, Hope, Billingslea, Whiteford, Nicols, Orrell, Sullivan, Gallagher, Graves, Seidenstricker, Le Grand, Nesbitt, Weast, Zeigler, Claggett, England, Gaither, Gittings, Gott, Sprigg of Allegany, Coombs, Thayer, Shower, Boyle, Lecompte and Stull.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Randall submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the insertion upon the journal of the report of the sergeant-at-arms of the 2nd April, was made more for the purpose of according with ordinary usage, than with any view to notice particularly the course pursued by the members from Talbot and Somerset, in relation to their absentsing themselves from the house, because it is believed their action was directed rather by momentary impulse, than by any deliberate motive to treat this house with indignity.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Bowie offered as a substitute for said order the following:

Ordered, That the refusal of James L. Martin, Esq., a member of this house, to attend in his place after being summoned to do so by the sergeant-at-arms, by order of this house, and the answer reported by the said sergeant-at-arms to have been sent to the Speaker which appears upon the journal, is a contempt of this house and deserves the severest punishment (unless explained) which this house can inflict; and the neglect of Jehu Parsons, Esq., also a member of this house, to attend in his place, after being summoned to do so by the sergeant-at-arms under an order of this house, his departure from the seat of government deserves to be reprimanded; but forasmuch as the session is so near a close that it would be impossible to procure the attendance of the said James L. Martin and Jehu Parsons, Esq., in time to take any further proceeding in the premises: therefore the house in this form express their sense of their misconduct.

Which was read.

Mr. Bowie called for the previous question, which being demanded by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was put, that is, shall the main question be now put, and it was

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, will the house accept the substitute?

Determined in the negative.