

faithfully and diligently, discharge the office of clerk, and assistant clerk, to the house of delegates, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets thereof.

The house appointed Mr. Cornelius Mills sergeant at arms, and Mr. John Trueman door-keeper. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Calvert wait on his excellency the governor, and inform him that this house is met, and are ready to proceed to public business, and to receive any communications he may think proper to lay before them.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Digges, Mr. Quynn, Mr. M'Comas, Mr. Hall and Mr. M'Pherson, be a committee to inspect and examine the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeably to the constitution and form of government; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims, and upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Mr. Frazier, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Bond, Mr. Hall, Mr. Purnell, Mr. Johnnot and Mr. Nabb, were elected.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Addison, Mr. Digges, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Marbury, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Digges, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during this session.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn inform the reverend Mr. Higinbotham, that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 6, 1799.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. William Brogden, a delegate returned for Anne-Arundel county, Mr. Thomas Wright and Mr. Charles Frazier, two delegates returned for Queen-Anne's county, Mr. Joseph Wallace, a delegate returned for Cecil county, Mr. Robert P. Magruder, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, Mr. Roger Perry, a delegate returned for Allegany county, and Mr. Philip B. Key, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

RESOLVED, That this house will sit, for the dispatch of public business this session, from 9 o'clock in the morning till 3 o'clock in the evening.

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time reported, that Lewis Galloway, Richard Key Watts, Samuel Maynard, John Betton and John Francis Harris, were elected. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

A memorial from Lawrence Oneale, of Montgomery county, stating, that the election for said county was not held agreeably to the constitution and form of government, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of elections and privileges to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Monroe, senior, of Charles county, praying a sum of money may be levied on said county for the support of his son, an idiot, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Digges, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Addison, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Anne Burnes and Marcia Burnes, of the city of Washington, stating, that David Burnes, in his life-time, contracted for the sale of a number of lots in the city of Washington, and praying trustees may be appointed to carry the said contract into effect, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Addison and Mr. Duckett, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, stating, that they contracted with a certain Charles Beckworth for the building of a gaol in said county, who is since deceased, and praying that the widow of the said Beckworth may be released from the said contract, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Magruder, Mr. Riley and Mr. Marbury, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Robertson, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. M'Comas, Mr. C. Frazier, Mr. Taney, Mr. Love, Mr. Riley and Mr. Pattison, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered till the house rises.

3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise and respectfully address himself to the speaker.

4. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name but shall use some other distinction.

5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.