

The house appointed Mr. William Harwood clerk, and Mr. John Bowie Duckett assistant clerk:
ORDERED, That they qualify as such, by taking the several oaths required, subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath that they will honestly, 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. Ridout and Mr. Chapman wait on his excellency the Governor, and inform him that this house is met, and are ready to proceed on public business, and to receive any communications he may think proper to lay before them.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Ridout, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Robins, be a committee to inspect and examine the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeably to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government; and that they have full power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Robins, Mr. Hall, Mr. W. Thomas, Mr. Reintzel, Mr. Brogden, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Nicholson, be a committee of claims, and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Ridout, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Baker, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Wilson, 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. Ridout, Mr. Robins, Mr. Clarke, Mr. J. C. Thomas and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to inquire what laws have expired, or will expire with the session.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Spencer, 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.

T H U R S D A Y, November 10, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John C. Beatty, a delegate returned for Allegany county, 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 his seat in the house.

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike after some time reported, that Mr. Joseph Harwood, Mr. Josias Wilson King, Mr. Samuel Luckett and Mr. Zero Babel Hughes, were elected.

ORDERED, That they be qualified.

Mr. Nicholson delivers to Mr. Speaker a report from Richard Tilghman and Robert Walters, respecting the state of the books, records and papers, in the several offices in Queen-Anne's county, agreeably to the resolution of the last session of assembly; which was read.

RESOLVED, That this house will sit, for the dispatch of public business during this session, from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill declaring the right of personal liberty, and redressing the injuries thereto. **ORDERED,** That Mr. Robins, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Barroll, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from James Dunn, of Kent county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Ridout, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Brother, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Jane Lindsey, of Charles county, praying a small allowance may be levied on the county for the support of her son, who is afflicted with a rheumatic affection of the back and limbs, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hollingsworth, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Eleanor Shuman, of Frederick county, stating, that her husband, who was executed as a refugee during the late war, was possessed of sundry tracts of land in said county, but that he had not procured deeds of conveyance for the same, and that she is informed that the said lands are liable to confiscation, and praying the state's right may be released, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridout, Mr. Quynn, junior, and Mr. W. Beatty, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Nicholson has leave of absence for two weeks.

Mr. Jarrett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. 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 his speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
5. If