

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## SENATE.

**MONDAY** the fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the General Assembly, appeared in the senate;

WILLIAM SPENCER,  
ROBERT G. HARPER,  
GEORGE D. PARNHAM,  
VIRGIL MAXCY,  
WILLIAM HUGHLETT,  
WILLIAM CARMICHAEL, } Esquires.

The members present adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

**TUESDAY, December 5, 1820.**

The same members appeared as on yesterday. Robert P. Magruder, Esq. appeared in the senate. The members present adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

**WEDNESDAY, December 6, 1820.**

The same members appeared as on yesterday. Peter Emerson and Joseph Cresap, Esqrs. appeared in the senate.

A sufficient number of members to compose a senate being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, before Robert Welch, (of Ben.) one of the justices of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, agreeably to the constitution and form of government.

The senate then proceeded to the election of a president, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that the honourable William Spencer, Esqr. was unanimously elected president. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the honourable William Spencer is

unanimously elected president thereof. John N. Watkins was appointed clerk; Thomas J. Brice assistant clerk; and Louis Gassaway committee clerk; who qualified.

Gottlieb J. Grammer was appointed messenger, and Henry Coulter door keeper, who qualified.

The president laid before the senate the following letter:

BALTIMORE, November 10, 1820.

DEAR SIR,—Having occasion to take a journey to the southward this winter, I think it proper to tender this, my resignation of the place I have the honour to hold in the senate of Maryland. In doing so, I beg you to believe, that nothing but circumstances of a very important nature, to myself, would have induced me to absent myself from the senate this winter. I assure you that the pleasure derived from the friendship I have there formed, and a sense of the kindness I have uniformly experienced, will be ever remembered with the greatest satisfaction and delight. I beg leave to make my best acknowledgments to the honourable body over which you so well preside, and to assure you that I am, with the most cordial esteem and regard, dear sir, your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN E. HOWARD, Junr.

To the honourable William Spencer president of the senate of Maryland.

Which was read.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 6, 1820.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate having formed a house is ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have appointed the honourable William Spencer, president, and John N. Watkins Esqr chief clerk, and propose to sit, for the dispatch of public business, from 10 o'clock in the morning until 3 in the afternoon.

By order, J. N. WATKINS, Clk.

On motion, Ordered, That Messrs. Parnham and Hughlett be a committee to wait on his excellency the governor, and inform him that the senate is organized for business, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to lay before them.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message: