

Parnham; and Francis Digges, Esquires; for Baltimore county, Elijah Merryman, John Tolly Worthington, Charles Ridgely, of William, and James Carroll, Esquires; for Dorchester county, Solomon Frazier, Richard Goldsborough, Richard Pattison, and Levin Campbell, Esquires; for Cæcil county, Levi Hollingsworth, Samuel Miller, Thomas Wallace, and Thomas Savin, Esquires; for Prince-George's county, Walter Bowie, Allen Bowie Duckett, George Calvert, and William Baker, Esquires; for the City of Annapolis, Allen Quynn, and Philip Barton Key, Esquires; for Queen-Anne's county, Joseph Hopper Nicholson, James Brown, James Butcher, and Charles Frazier, Esquires; for Worcester county, William Whittington, James B. Robins, William Corbin, and Ephraim K. Wilson, Esquires; for Frederick county, Valentine Brother, Allen Quynn, junior, William Beatty, and David Shriver, Esquires; for Caroline county, John Bennett, Joshua Driver, John Young, and Thomas Boone, Esquires; for Baltimore-town, David M'Mechen, and Robert Smith, Esquires; for Washington county, John Cellar, Thomas Bowles, James M'Clain, and Robert Douglass, Esquires; for Montgomery county, Daniel Reintzel, Elimelech Swearingen, Lawrence Oneale, and David Luckett, Esquires; for Allegany county, John Conrod Beatty, Daniel Clarke, junior, Asa Beall, and Benjamin Tomlinson, Esquires. The committee further report, that by the certificate of the sheriff of Talbot county it appears, that the said sheriff was prevented by sickness from personally attending as judge of said election, but that he authorized one of his deputy sheriffs to hold the said election, from whom there has been no return; that the polls have been returned by the sheriff, whereby it appears, that Philemon Sherwood, John Harwood, Henry Johnson, and Wrightson Lamdin, Esquires, had a majority of votes; but whether the said return be sufficiently regular, the committee submit to the consideration of the house. The committee further report, that the return of the sheriff of Somerset county appears to them not to be made agreeably to the constitution and form of government of this state, the said sheriff not having returned any persons duly elected for said county, but only stating, that Benjamin Jones, Esquire, had ninety-five votes; Lambert Hyland, Esquire, eighty-one votes; Richard Handy, Esquire, seventy-six votes, and John Wilkins, Esquire, sixty votes. Your committee further report, that it appears by the return of the sheriff of Harford county, that Abraham Jarrett, Edward Prall, John Montgomery, and Jacob Norris, Esquires, were elected for Harford county, but your committee are informed, that the said Jacob Norris, at the time of his being elected, was a field-officer in the militia of this state. All which is submitted to the house.

Talbot  
Somerset  
Harford

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading of the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with the several parts of said report relative to Saint-Mary's, Kent, Anne-Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Baltimore, Dorchester, Cæcil, Prince-George's, Queen-Anne's, Worcester, Frederick, Caroline, Washington, Montgomery and Allegany counties, the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, RESOLVED, That the second reading of that part of the report which respects the return of Talbot county be postponed until Thursday next.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That Benjamin Jones, Lambert Hyland, Richard Handy and John Wilkins, Esquires, are duly elected and returned delegates for Somerset county? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said report, RESOLVED, That the second reading of that part of the report which respects the return of Harford county be postponed.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 12, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. John C. Thomas. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Charles Frazier, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, Mr. Francis Digges, a delegate returned for Charles county, Mr. John T. Worthington, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, Mr. Samuel Miller and Mr. Thomas Savin, two delegates returned for Cæcil county, and Mr. John Montgomery, a delegate returned for Harford 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 their seats in the house.

A petition from John Keller, of Frederick county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Digges, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ridout, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Basil Williams, of Cæcil county, stating that he was security for Patrick Hamilton, as sheriff and collector of Cæcil county, that the said Hamilton has a claim against the state, being his dividend of a claim which he had against the estate of Robert Christie, and praying that he may have credit in the treasury for the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Dennis, late a soldier in the Maryland line, report, that upon examining the vouchers offered to your committee in support of the petitioner's claim, it appears that said Dennis did enlist as a soldier in the third Maryland regi-