

## VOICES AND PROCEEDINGS

discharge the duties of their office, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house. The house appointed Cornelius H. Mills, Sergeant at Arms, and John Quynn, Door keeper. Ordered that they be qualified as such.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, Ordered, that Messrs. Stevens and Rogerson wait on the Rev. Mr. Emory, and inform him that this house request his attendance during the session, to perform divine service at the meeting of the house.

The house appointed John H. Carroll, Samuel S. Hodgkin, Thomas E. Hambleton, George A. Smith, and Joseph Ireland, Jr. Committee clerks. Ordered that they be qualified as such.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, Ordered, that three members of this house, to be named by the chair, be appointed a Committee to prepare and report a system of rules for the Government of the house during the present session. Messrs. Kennedy, Loockerman, and Dorsey were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Loockerman, Ordered, that a committee to consist of two persons, be named by the chair, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that this house is now organized and ready to proceed to business. Messrs. Loockerman and Milliard were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, Ordered, that the chair appoint a committee of claims, to consist of seven. Messrs. Bowles, Forwood, Brook, Chew, Nabb, Edelen and King were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Forwood, Ordered, that the following committees be appointed, viz. a committee of elections and privileges, to consist of seven members; a committee of grievances and courts of justice, to consist of five persons, and that the members of said committees be named by the speaker.

Messrs. Pigman, Carroll, Orrick, A. Spence, Stevens, Millard and Sullivan, were appointed the committee of elections and privileges.

Messrs. Marriott, Julius Forrest, Allen, Loockerman and Dennis, were appointed the committee of grievances and courts of Justice.

Mr. Dorsey presents a petition from Joseph Hayden, (of Francis) and wife, of St. Mary's county, praying for support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Dorsey, Maddox, and Llewellyn.

The Speaker laid before the house returns from the clerks of the courts of Appeals for the Western and Eastern shore, the clerks of Frederick, Harford, Queen Ann's and Talbot counties, relative to the attendance of judges; which were referred to the Committee of grievances and courts of Justice.

On motion by Mr. Allen, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to withdraw the donation now given to an academy in Harford county and appropriate the same to the education of poor children in said county. Ordered, That Messrs. Allen, Forwood and Norris report the same.

Also leave to bring in a bill entitled, An act to regulate the fees of different officers in this state. Ordered, that Messrs. Allen, Forwood, Bowles Meconekin and Ballard report the same.

On motion by Mr. Barney, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to repeal an act entitled, an act for the relief of poor and distressed families in cases of execution for debt and distress for rent. Ordered, that Messrs. Barney, Kennedy and Orrick report the same.

Mr. Loockerman presents a petition from Sophia Seney, guardian to Joshua Seney, and others, praying for the sale of the real estate of Mark Benton, late of Queen Ann's county, deceased; which was read and referred to Messrs. Loockerman, Nabb and Thomas Kemp.

Mr. Allen presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of the state of Maryland, praying that the donations may be withdrawn from the different schools, colleges and Academies, and appropriated to the Education of poor children; which was read and referred to Messrs. Allen, Dorsey, Whitely, Norris, Marriott, Harcastle and Bowles.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, Ordered that the committee of claims be instructed to have printed, all papers ordered by this house to be printed during the present session.

The speaker laid before the House communications from the Treasurer of the Western Shore, and Trustee for the State, with an account current of funded Stock, and a report prepared in obedience to "An act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several Bank in the City of Baltimore, and for other purposes;" also a statement of the tax received from certain banks pursuant to the Acts of the General Assembly to constitute a fund for the purpose of supporting county schools; which were read and referred to the committee of claims.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, Ordered, that the committee of claims be instructed to receive proposals for the printing of this house, and for the supply of stationary, &c. and they are hereby instructed to contract for the above objects upon the best and cheapest terms.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following ordered was read; Ordered, that this house will sit for the dispatch of public business during the present Session, from 9 o'clock, A. M. till 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion by Mr. Bowles the question was put, that the word "9" be stricken out for the purpose of inserting "ten?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, the question was put that the said order be referred to the committee appointed to report rules? Determined in the negative.

The order was then assented to, and

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1821.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

John H. Riggs, Esq. a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, qualified and took his seat.