

On motion by Mr. Orrick, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:
BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 5, 1821.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The house of delegates having formed a quorum, and appointed the honorable Tobias E. Stansbury, Speaker, and John Brewer, Esq. Clerk, are ready to proceed to business from 9 o'clock A. M. until 3 o'clock P. M.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Forwood, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act for appointing a printer to the state. Ordered, That Messrs Forward, Bowles and Marriott report the same.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read:

ORDERED, That the Sergeant at Arms procure for the use of each member of this house, during the session, such news-paper as the members shall respectively desire.

On motion by Mr. Forwood, the question was put, that the words "within the city of Annapolis," be added thereto? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Stevens the question was put, that the words "at their own expence" be added thereto? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said order? Resolved in the affirmative.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the clerk of Calvert county relative to the attendance of Judges; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Carroll presents a memorial from the visitors and governors of Saint John's College, praying for a lottery for the benefit of the institution; which was read and referred to Messrs. Carroll, Marriott and Bowles.

Mr. Pigman presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a new election district in said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Pigman, Bruce, and H. Kemp

On motion by Mr. Millard, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year. Ordered, That Messrs. Millard, Llewellyn, and A. Spence report the same.

Mr. Kennedy from the committee appointed to report rules, delivers the following report:

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

- 1st. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.
- 2nd. Every member shall take his seat when the Speaker takes his chair.
- 3rd. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise uncovered, and respectfully address himself to the speaker, or chairman, as it may be.
- 4th. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
- 5th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.
- 6th. No member shall speak a second time, until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the house.
- 7th. Any member called to order, by the speaker, or any member, shall thereupon take his seat.
- 8th. When the house is sitting, no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.
- 9th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and (if desired by the speaker or any member) reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.
- 10th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by a motion for commitment or postponement, or by the previous question; before any other motion shall be received.
- 11th. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by three members who shall have divided on the question.
- 12th. The previous question, (that is, whether the question propounded be now put,) may be called for by any member, on any question, except to an amendment, or other matter which cannot in its nature be postponed; and if the previous question be determined in the affirmative, the main question shall immediately be put by the speaker.
- 13th. If a question in debate, contains more distinct parts than one, any member may of right have the same divided into as many questions as parts; and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on the last amendment shall be taken first, and then divided if required, into as many parts as it will admit of questions.
- 14th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so, vice versa, until a decision by the speaker.
- 15th. When the speaker shall decide any question, the same shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required.
- 16th. The speaker shall, from time to time, as it may suit his own convenience, have the privilege of calling any other member to the chair.
- 17th. Every bill or resolution, originated in this house, or received from the senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless on very urgent occasions, the house shall, by special order, dispense with this rule; which order shall be entered on the Journal.