

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The house proceeded to ballot for an Assistant Clerk, the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported that William P. Johns, was elected.—Ordered, that he be qualified as such by taking the oath required, by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion; and by taking an oath that he will honestly, faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of his office; and that he will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house.

Henry Coulter was appointed Sergeant at Arms, and John Quynn Door Keeper.—Ordered, that they be qualified as such.

The house appointed Isaac Hines, Trueman Cross, Joshua Cockey, Jr., Samuel S. Hodgkins, and John Douglass, Committee Clerks. Ordered, that they severally qualify as such.

On motion by Mr. Hopper, ordered, that Messrs. Hopper and Iglehart wait upon the Revd. Mr. Griffith and request that he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, ordered, that a Committee of three be appointed to report Rules and Regulations for the government of the house during the present session. Ordered, that the said Committee be named by the Speaker—the Speaker appointed Messrs. Carroll, W. G. D. Worthington, and Moffit to be the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Chesley, ordered, that the following Committees be appointed, viz. a committee of elections and privileges to consist of seven members; a committee of claims to consist of seven members; a committee of ways and means to consist of seven members; a committee of grievances and courts of justice to consist of five members; and a committee of revolutionary pensions and claims to consist of five members; and that the members to compose the said committees be named by the Speaker.

On motion by Mr. Ireland, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 2d, 1823.

Gentlemen of the Senate—The house of delegates having formed a quorum are ready to proceed with the business of the session: we have chosen the Honorable Tobias E. Stansbury Speaker, and John Brewer, Esquire, Clerk, and propose to sit for the dispatch of public business from — o'clock in the morning until— o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, the question was put, that the first blank be filled up with "ten o'clock." Determined in the negative—the blank was then filled up with "9 o'clock."

On motion by Mr. Millard the question was put, that the second blank be filled up with "4 o'clock." Determined in the negative—the blank was then filled up with 3 o'clock, and the message assented to.

On motion by Mr. Gerry, the following resolution was read and assented to—

Resolved, That the members of this house in respect to the memory of the late *Daniel Sheridine*, Esquire, deceased, a delegate elect and returned from Cecil county, wear a scarf on their left arm for thirty days.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read—Ordered, that the Sergeant at Arms procure for the use of each member of the legislature, such newspaper as he may think fit to select.

On motion by Mr. Kemp, the words "during the present session," were added to the same. The order was then assented to.

On motion by Mr. Gerry, ordered, that the Speaker be requested to issue a warrant for an election to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Daniel Sheridine, Esq. a delegate returned from Cecil county.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, ordered, that a committee to consist of two persons to be named by the Speaker, wait upon his Excellency the Governor and inform him that this house is now organized and ready to proceed to business. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Hughes and Dennis.

On motion by Mr. Millard, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled an act, to confirm an act, entitled an act, to alter and amend the Constitution and form of Government so far as relates to the division of election districts in Saint Mary's county. Ordered, that Messrs. Millard, Leigh and Gough, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Pitt, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to confirm the proceedings of certain Commissioners therein mentioned. Ordered, that Messrs. Pitt, Miller and Hutson, report the same.

Mr. William Stewart presents a petition from Michael Riddlemoser of the city of Baltimore, praying that he may be authorized to improve so much of Division-street as runs through his property. Read and referred to Messrs. W. Stewart, Sewell, and W. G. D. Worthington. Also, a petition from Elizabeth Harding, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce. Read and referred to Messrs. W. Stewart, Hughes, and W. G. D. Worthington.

And a petition from Robert Oliver, praying to be released from the states' right to the property therein mentioned. Read and referred to Messrs. W. Stewart, McHenry and Sewell.

Mr. Pitt presents a petition from John Vane, a revolutionary soldier. Read and referred to the committee to be appointed on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Johnson presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a change in the place for holding the election in the fourth election district of said county, Read & referred to Messrs. Johnson, Ely, and J. T. H. Worthington.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, ordered, that a committee of seven be appointed to enquire into the expediency of substituting public, for private warehouses for the inspection of Tobacco in the city of Baltimore. Ordered, that Messrs Wootton, Fenwick, Peter, W. Stewart, Carroll, Hopper, and Edelen, be the said committee.

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