

shore, and that the three persons of the western shore, and the two persons of the eastern shore, who shall have the greatest number of votes, provided the same be a majority of all the votes taken, shall be considered elected, and if no such majority be obtained upon the first ballot, the house will proceed to ballot until such majority be obtained,

Mr. Jarrett moved the following as a substitute: Ordered, That the three persons on the western shore, and the two persons on the eastern shore, having the greatest number of votes, be the committee clerks of this house.

And the question was put, That the house assent to the same? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that William H. Emory, Trueman Cross, Isaac Hines, Joshua Cockey, jun. and James B. Latimer, were elected. Ordered, That they qualify as such.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 7, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate having formed a quorum, are ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have chosen the honourable William R. Stuart, President, and William Kilty, Esq. chief clerk, and propose to sit for the despatch of public business, from ten o'clock in the morning to three in the afternoon.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, 7th December, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message informing us that your honourable body had formed a house, and are ready to proceed with the business of the session. We also have formed a quorum, and have chosen the honourable William H. Marriott speaker, and John Brewer, Esq. clerk, and propose to sit for the despatch of public business from 10 o'clock in the morning, until 3 o'clock in the evening.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, it was so amended as to read nine o'clock in the morning, instead of ten, and the message then assented to.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, Ordered, That a committee of three be named by the speaker to report rules and regulations for the government of the house.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Carroll, John Edelen and Duvall, the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the following order was read and assented to: Ordered, That Messrs. Nicholson and Carroll be a committee to call on the Reverend Mr. Griffith, and request his attendance every morning in this house to perform divine service.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the same was reconsidered, and the following offered as a substitute by him: Ordered, That _____ and _____ be a committee to wait on the Reverend Mr. Blanchard, and the Reverend Mr. Griffith, and request their attendance at this house alternately every other morning at 9 o'clock, for the performance of divine service.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the original order proposed by Mr. Nicholson? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. King, the following order was read: Ordered, That the following committees be appointed, viz. a committee of claims, to consist of seven members; a committee of elections and privileges, to consist of seven members; a committee of grievances and courts of justice, to consist of five members; and a committee of ways and means, to consist of seven members; and that the members of said committees be named by the speaker.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following was inserted between the words "members and:" "a committee of pensions and revolutionary claims, to consist of five members; a committee on divorces, to consist of five members; a committee on petitions for special acts of insolvency, to consist of five members; and a committee on the militia, to consist of five members." The order was then assented to.

On motion by Mr. King, the following order was read and assented to:

Resolved, That the members of this house wear a scarf on the left arm for thirty days, as a badge of mourning for the decease of John H. D. Waters, Esq. returned a delegate elect from Somerset county.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That the sergeant at arms procure for the use of each member of this house such newspapers as they may respectively desire, not exceeding one for each member.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That the speaker be requested to issue a warrant for an election to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of John H. D. Waters, Esq. a delegate returned for Somerset county.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington and Tingle, wait upon his excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of this house having formed, are ready to proceed to business, and to receive any communication he may be pleased to lay before them.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 8, 1824.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. John T. Hawkins, Stephen H. Gough, Alexander K. Igour, and John L. Millard, Esquires, delegates returned for Saint-Mary's county, appeared, qualified, and took their seats.

The message of yesterday, informing the senate this house had formed a quorum, was sent to the senate.

The speaker announced the following committees:

The committee of claims, Messrs. Kemp, Estep, John Edelen, Norris, Williams, Bowles and Lee. The committee of elections and privileges, Messrs. Carroll, Wootton, Dennis, Beckett, Spencer, Garner

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