

2 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1791.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from his excellency the governor, accompanied by a letter from the secretary of the senate of the United States; which were read.

Mr. Mercer, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to continue certain causes in the high court of appeals, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 9, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 9, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Goldborough, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 9, 1791.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house will sit, during this session, for the dispatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning till three in the afternoon.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to continue certain causes in the high court of appeals, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esquire.

On motion, ORDERED, That William Perry, George Dent and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, be appointed a committee to examine and report on the proceedings of the electors of the senate.

On motion, ORDERED, That William Tilghman, William Perry and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, be appointed a committee to report rules and regulations to be observed in the senate.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from the secretary of the senate of the United States, enclosing a copy of the journals of congress; which was read.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November 10, 1791.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except William Hindman, Esquire, who adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 11, 1791.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. John Hall, Esquire, appeared in the senate, and was qualified before Allen Quynn, Esquire, one of the justices of the peace for Anne Arundel county, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and also by taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

A certificate of the qualification of the messenger and door-keeper, was produced and filed.

William Perry, Esquire, from the committee appointed to examine and report on the returns of the electors of the senate, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

THE committee appointed to examine the returns of the electors of the senate, beg leave to report, that they have examined the return of the electors of the senate, met at the city of Annapolis on Monday the 19th day of September, 1791, and find that the following gentlemen are duly elected senators, viz. Benjamin Stoddert, William Smallwood, William Tilghman, John Hall, William Perry, William Hindman, Gustavus Scott, John Eager Howard, George Dent, James Hollyday, Samuel Chase, Edward Lloyd, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, James M'Henry, and Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esquires. Which is submitted to the honourable senate.

By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

William Tilghman, Esquire, from the committee appointed to report rules for the government of the senate, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred to consider of and report rules to be observed by the senate in the transaction of business, beg leave to report the following:

1. The precedence of senators elected by the electors of the senate shall be regulated by the number of ballots which each person had at the election of the senate, and where two or more had the same number of ballots, the precedence shall be determined by lot; senators elected by the senate shall rank after those elected by the electors of the senate, and their precedence shall be regulated by the priority of their respective elections.
2. Every member shall take his seat when the president takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the senate rises.
3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion on, or speak in, any debate, shall stand up in his place, and decently address himself to the president.
4. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave, nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking.
5. No member, at the time of his speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

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