

tion of their belief in the Christian Religion, and by taking an oath that they will nonestly, faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of their respective appointments; and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the House of Delegates.

The house appointed Cornelius Mills, sergeant at arms, and Caleb Stewart, door-keeper. Ordered that they be qualified. On motion by Mr. Quinton. Ordered, that Mr. Quinton and Mr. Worthington inform the reverend Mr. Wyatt that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

The House proceeded to ballot for a committee of elections and privileges. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Messrs. John H. Thomas, Hamilton, Kilgour, Potter and Stonestreet, were elected.

On motion by Mr. Potter, ordered, that Messrs. Potter, Beall, Dorsey, Bayly, Duvall, Griffith and Blackistone, be a committee to consider and report to this house the best means of obtaining early information of the movements of the enemy that now is or may hereafter be in the Chesapeake during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Van Horn, ordered, that Messrs. Van Horn, Tilghman and Tootell, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during the present session.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 7.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church of the city of Baltimore, praying that they may be authorised to purchase and hold a lot of ground for a burial place. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Duvall and Stonestreet.

Also a petition from Ephraim Buckingham, of the city of Baltimore, praying that he may be released from the jail of Baltimore county, where he is now confined in consequence of a criminal prosecution. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Hopkins and Dorsey.

Also a petition from James H. Sewell of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency. Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of grievances and courts of justice. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Messrs. Bayly, J. Thomas, Lecompte, Causin, Worthington, Caldwell and Kell, were elected.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims. The gentlemen named to strike having examined the ballots, reported that Messrs. Williams, Ford, Hilleary, Van Horn, A. Hands, Griffith and Gray, were elected.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to reduce the per diem allowance of the members of the General Assembly. Ordered, that Messrs. Dorsey, Dallam and Causin, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house proceeded to ballot for five committee clerks. The gentlemen named to strike having retired to examine the ballots, returned and reported, that William K. Lambdin, James C. Blair, Louis Gassaway, John Stevens and Rinaldo Pindell, were elected. Ordered, that they be qualified.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from John B. Jauffret of the city of Baltimore, an insolvent debtor, which was read, and referred to the standing committee on cases of insolvency.

The speaker laid before the house reports from the clerks of Alleghany, Anne-Arundel, and Kent counties, relative to the attendance of the judges of their respective courts. Which were read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the treasurer of the Western Shore, accompanied by a statement of the loan negotiated pursuant to a resolve of the General Assembly at May session, 1813. Also a communication from B. Harwood, trustee to the state, accompanied by an account current of funded stock to the 31st of October, 1814; and an account current of the interest received on said stock to the same period. Which were severally read and referred to the committee of claims.

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

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, ordered, that the committee of claims be directed to furnish the house with the usual number of newspapers during the present session.

Mr. Long delivers a petition from William Miles of Somerset county, praying that he may be authorised to sell certain lands belonging to the infant heirs of his brother Henry Miles. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Long, Bayly and Van Horn.

Mr. B. Hands delivers a petition from Sarah Clarkson of Kent county, praying that she may be authorised to sell certain real property belonging to her infant children. Which was read and referred to Messrs. B. Hands, Browne and Lecompte.

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

THURSDAY, December 8.

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

Samuel Burgess and Robert Stevens, Esquires, delegates returned from Queen Ann's county, and Lambert Beard, Esquire, a delegate returned from Cecil county, appeared, qualified and took their seats in the house.

Mr. J. Thomas delivers a petition from the trustees of the poor of Frederick county, praying the repeal of an act of assembly passed at November session, 1811. Which was read and referred to Messrs. J. H. Thomas, Tany and Noward.