

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

[BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THIS ASSEMBLY.]

MONDAY, December 4th, 1815.

This being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government, for the meeting of the general assembly of this state, the following members appeared, viz :

For *Saint Mary's county*.—William B. Scott, Raphael Neale, Thomas Blackistone and Gerard N. Causin, Esquires

For *Kent county*.—William Spencer, Frederick Boyer, Matthew Tilghman and Joseph Brown, 4th, Esquires.

For *Anne Arundel county*.—Roderick Dorsey, Thomas H. Dorsey and Charles Stewart (of David), Esquires.

For *Calvert county*.—Benjamin Gray, Esquire.

For *Charles county*.—John E. Ford and Henry H. Chapman, Esquires.

For *Baltimore county*.—Peter Little and George Harryman, Esquires.

For *Talbot county*.—Solomon Dickenson, Edward Lloyd and Joseph Kemp, Esquires.

For *Somerset county*.—Thomas Bayly, Henry K. Long, Littleton P. Dennis and John C. Wilson, Jr, Esquires.

For *Dorchester county*.—Robert Hart, Edward Griffith and Benjamin W. Lecompte, Esquires.

For *Cecil county*.—Lambert Beard, Abraham D. Mitchell, George Davidson and Robert Evans, Esquires.

For *Prince George's county* —William Dent Beall and Edward H. Calvert, Esquires.

For the *City of Annapolis* —Lewis Duvall and Dennis Claude, Esquires.

For *Queen Ann's county*.—William E. Meconniken, Kinscy Harrison and Robert Stevens, Esquires.

For *Worcester county* —Thomas N. Williams, Ephraim K. Wilson, Littleton Quinton and Isaac Mitchell, Esquires.

For *Frederick county*.—Joseph Taney, Sen. John Thomas, Joshua Howard and James Johnson, Esquires.

For *Harford county*.—Charles S. Sewell, Samuel Bradford, Henry Hall and John Forwood, Esquires.

For *Caroline county* —Montgomery Denny, William M. Hardcastle, Peter Willis and Thomas Styll, Esquires.

For the *city of Baltimore*.—William Stuart and Christopher Hughes, Esquires.

For *Washington county*.—Martin Keshner, Jacob Schnebly, John Bowles and Edward G. Williams, Esquires.

For *Montgomery county*.—John H. Riggs, Richard I. Crabb and Charles J. Kilgour, Esquires.

For *Alleghany county*.—William McMahon, William Hilleary, Joseph Tomlinson and James Prather, Junior, Esquires.

A sufficient number of delegates being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government ; by subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking, repeating and subscribing the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof, it appeared, that Henry H. Chapman, Esquire, was elected. Mr. Louis Gassaway was appointed chief clerk. Ordered that he qualify as such by taking the several oaths 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 appointment, and that he will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house of delegates.

The house appointed Mr. Cornelius Mills, sergeant at arms, and Mr. Caleb Stewart door keeper. Ordered, that they be qualified.