

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENATE.

MONDAY, the seventh day of December, eighteen hundred and eighteen, being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the general assembly, appeared in the senate:

Mr. SPENCER, Mr. CARMICHAEL, Mr. MAGRUDER.

The members present adjourn until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 8, 1818.

The same members appeared as on yesterday. Mr. Calvert, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Hughlett, Mr. Cresap, and Mr. Maxcy, appeared in the senate. The members present adjourn until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 9, 1818.

The same members appeared as on yesterday.

A sufficient number of members to compose a senate being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, before Rinaldo Pindell, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace of the state of Maryland for Anne-Arundel county, by taking the oaths required by the constitution and form of government, subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking the oath for the support of the government of the United States.

On motion the senate proceeded to the election of a president; and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared, that the honourable William Spencer was unanimously elected. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the honourable William Spencer is duly elected president thereof.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the senate proceeded to the election of a clerk; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared, that Richard Harwood had a majority of votes of all the attending members.

The senate then proceeded to the election of an assistant clerk; the ballot being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared, that John N. Watkins was unanimously elected. Mr. Thomas J. Brice was unanimously elected committee clerk, who severally qualified as such before Nicholas Brewer, esq. mayor of the city of Annapolis. Mr. Gotlieb J. Grammer was appointed messenger, and Mr. Henry Coulter was appointed door-keeper, who severally qualified as such before Nicholas Brewer, esq. mayor of the city of Annapolis.

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

THURSDAY, December 10, 1818.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Calvert. Mr. Hollyday appeared in the senate, qualified, and took his seat. The proceedings from Monday, inclusive, were read.

The president laid before the senate the following letter from Clement Dorsey, esq.

To the Honourable the President of the Senate,

SIR—I beg you to inform the honourable body over whom you preside, that having been elected and qualified as a member of the house of delegates, I have resigned my seat in the senate of Maryland. A letter addressed to you, in your official capacity, early in October, and directed to this place, contained my resignation, with assurances of sincere regard for you, and those gentlemen with whom I have had the honour to be associated in that branch of the government for the last two years,

I am your Obedient Servant,
CLEM. DORSEY.

Annapolis, Dec. 9, 1818.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 9, 1818.

Gentlemen of the senate,

The house of delegates having formed a quorum, and appointed the the honourable James Brown speaker, and John Brewer clerk, are ready to proceed to the business of the session; they propose to sit for the transaction of business from 9 o'clock A. M. until 3 o'clock P. M.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the senate having previously qualified, proceeded to the election of a member to supply the vacancy in that body, occasioned by the resignation of the honourable Clement