

Monday November 8th 1779

Present the same Members as on Saturday, with the Addition of Mr. Richards, who and Mr. John Lambert Neilson for Kent County; Mr. Henry Ripley for Ann Arundel County; Mr. John Digges and Mr. Samuel Hanfor for Charles County; Mr. Archibald Job, and Mr. Elmhurst for Cecil County; Mr. Thomas Cochrane Deys for Baltimore County; Mr. Peter Charles for Lancaster County; Mr. John Taylor for Harford County; Mr. Mark Alexander and Mr. David McMechin, for Baltimore Town; Mr. Edward Burgess and Mr. William Bayly for Montgomery County.

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a House proceeded to Precede, they severally juried in the Presence of each other by taking the several Oaths required by the Constitution and Form of Government, subscribing a Declaration of their Belief in the Christian Religion, and by taking, repeating and subscribing the Oath of Fidelity provided by the Act, entitled in that to which certain Crimes and Misdemeanors, and to prevent the Growth of Faction.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and the Honorable Jonas Beall was elected by Ballot.

The House appointed Mr. John Duhett Clerk Ordered, That he qualify as such, by taking the several Oaths required by the Constitution subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion, and by taking an Oath that he will honestly faithfully and diligently discharge the Office of Clerk to the House of Delegates of Maryland and that he will not reveal or disclose the Secrets thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. John Hall and Mr. John Hanson do acquaint the Governor, that there is a sufficient Number of Delegates convened to compose a House. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message.

The House appointed Mr. John Callahan Assistant Clerk; Mr. Robert Reynolds Sergeant at Arms; Mr. Cornelius Mills Doorkeeper; Mr. Nicholas Harwood, Mr. William Hanson McPherson, and Mr. Archibald Golder Committee Clerks. Ordered, That they be qualified. The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock.

Post Meridieum. (The House met)

On Motion the Question was put, That a Brigadier General or other Officer in the regular Service during the Time he holds his Commission, is eligible as Governor of the State of Maryland, being in other respects qualified agreeable to the Constitution and Form of Government?

Carried in the Negative.

			Negative		
	Marshall	Macculbin	Job	B. Hall	Taylor
	W. Storer	Wainor	E. Hall	Bragdon	Hoone
Members	Gresham	Williams	Henry	Riggold	Hanson
	Wilmor	Birkhead	Corauford	Norris	Beatty
	J. Hall	Leard			Bayly
			Affirmative		
	Good	McLidgely	Gibson	Quym	Daffin
Members	Jordan	Williamson	Digges	Chase	Drivor
	Hoy	Trooland	J. Hanson	Bruff	McMechin
	Lothbury	Deshield	Deys	Chaille	Burgess
					Cramphm
					Woodton

The following Message:

By the House of Delegates November 8th 1779

May it please your Honours,

This Day being set apart by our Constitution and Form of Government

(for)