

riffs of Charles and Baltimore counties, for the electing delegates for said counties, in the room of Mr. Hanson and Mr. Hammond; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the fifteenth day of June next.

A letter from Mr. J. L. Chamberlaine was laid before the house and read, and accepted as his resignation; whereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Talbot county, for the electing a delegate in the room of Mr. Chamberlaine; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the fifteenth day of June next.

Letters of excuse from Mr. Mackall, Mr. Deye, Mr. J. Hanson, Mr. W. Whitely, Mr. Sulivane, and Mr. Houston, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, were laid before the house and read and accepted.

RESOLVED, That this house will sit, during this session, for the dispatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three till six.

The house appoint Mr. John Callahan and Mr. John Knapp committee clerks. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

ORDERED, That the following rules be observed this session:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2. If any member be absent at the hour appointed for sitting, the speaker and twenty of the members being met, he shall be fined, unless his absence was occasioned by sickness, two shillings and six-pence specie for every neglect, to be deducted out of his allowance.

3. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the house rises.

4. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place, and with respect and decency address himself to the speaker.

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.

6. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall declare who shall speak first.

7. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave, nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

8. Any member called to order by the speaker must thereupon take his seat.

9. While the house is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

10. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and (if desired by the speaker or any member) reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by general consent, or the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

12. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays may be called for by any member on any question, and the name of the member requiring them shall be entered on the journal.

13. The previous question (that is, Whether the question propounded be now put?) may be called for by any member on any question, except to an amendment, or other matter which cannot in its nature be postponed.

14. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may (of right) have the same divided into as many questions as parts.

15. All questions shall be determined by the majority of the members present, and whenever the speaker (on a division if called for) shall declare any question in the affirmative or negative, such declaration shall decide the majority, unless the yeas and nays be called for, in which case the question shall be determined as the majority shall appear on the journal.

16. Every bill brought in by a member or received from the senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless on very urgent occasions the house shall, by especial order, dispense with this rule, which order shall be entered on the journal.

17. Conferrees and members appointed on draughts, if required by a member, shall be elected by ballot, and the number shall in no case exceed nine.

18. No bill or resolve shall have a second reading, until every member in the city be called upon to attend, except he be excused by the house for indisposition, or necessary attendance on the public business, if such call be requested by any three members.

19. No petition, memorial, or other application to the house, shall be received, unless presented by a member.

20. On an election to any office of trust or profit, no ballot shall be counted, unless the person for whom the ballot shall be given be named to the house before the balloting be gone into.

21. All questions of order shall be declared by the speaker.

22. No