

22. No motion shall be made after the hour of adjournment without leave of the house.
23. Before any person is named to any office or appointment to which any salary or allowance is to be annexed, the allowance or salary shall be first ascertained.
24. No person shall come into the house while the same is sitting with sword or other weapon, under penalty of such fine as shall be imposed on him by the speaker not exceeding five shillings specie.
25. All misdemeanors which shall happen in the house shall be censured or fined by the house.
26. If any member shall depart without leave of the house, or having leave of absence for a time shall not return agreeable thereto, he shall forfeit all his preceding allowance for his attendance during the session, and the committee of claims shall not make any allowance for the preceding attendance of such member, unless by special order of the house, on such member making reasonable excuse for such departure or neglect to return as aforesaid.
27. If any member shall, before the hour of adjournment, absent himself from the business of the house without leave, or shall not appear on a special call of the house, he shall be fined not exceeding two shillings and six-pence specie for every such absence.
28. No member shall answer on the yeas and nays who did not divide on the question, and if any member divides on one side and on the yeas and nays answers on the other, it shall be so noted on the journal.
29. The substance of all petitions, memorials, or other applications to the house, shall be entered on the journal.
30. The clerk of the house shall, on the first day of every session, put into the hands of the speaker a correct list of every matter referred from the preceding session.
31. On motion or debate, any member may call for the reading any law, journal, record, or other public proceeding, which may relate to the subject matter.
32. No nonjuror to be permitted within the walls of this house while the same is sitting.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that by the certificate of the sheriff of Baltimore county it appears, that Mr. Charles Ridgely, son of William, is duly returned a delegate for Baltimore county, in the room of Mr. Charles Ridgely, who resigned. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Frederick county it appears, that Mr. Thomas Beatty is duly returned a delegate for said county, in the room of Mr. Richard Potts, who resigned. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Charles county it appears, that Mr. John Dent is duly returned a delegate for said county, in the room of Mr. Thomas Stone, who resigned. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county it appears, that Messieurs Turbutt Wright and James Kent are duly returned delegates for said county, in the room of Messieurs Robert Wright and James Kent, who resigned. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

The several letters and papers communicated by the governor were read.

Certificates of the qualification of Mr. Ranken, Mr. M'Pheron, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Knapp, were produced and filed.

The papers communicated by Mr. Speaker to the house were read.

A representation from the commissioners of the tax for Worcester county, setting forth, that they are satisfied the inhabitants cannot pay the assessment now due; the trade of the bay being stopped by the enemy, prevents them from carrying their effects to market, by which means there is little or no money in the county, and praying an act may pass to suspend the collection of the tax now due, by distress, unto some future day; was laid before the house and read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, May 26, 1781.

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

On hearing and considering the excuse offered on behalf of Mr. A. Whitely, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, the house accepted thereof.

Whereas business of the greatest importance calls for the attention of the members of the general assembly during this session,

RESOLVED,