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- 24. 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.
- 25. All fines imposed by the house shall be paid to the clerk, and applied as the house shall direct.
- 26. The substance of all petitions, memorials, or other applications to the house, shall be entered on the journal.
- 27. 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.
- 28. 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.
- 29. No member shall take out of the house any bill or other paper belonging to the house without leave of the speaker, under the penalty of such fine as shall be imposed by the speaker, not exceeding forty shillings.
- 30. No member shall nominate more than one person on any committee.

On motion, the question was put, That this house will sit once a day this session for the dispatch of public business? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Medicurs	Forrest,	Mercer,	Kerr,	Quynn,	Houfson,	Emory,	
	Chilton,	Worthington,	Shaw,	Sency,	Potts,	Mason,	
	Thomas,	Dent,	Bond,	J. Tilghman,	Faw,	M <sup>c</sup> Henry,	
	Reed,	Chapman,	Matthews,	Sewell,	Norris,	Coulter,	
	Comegys,	M <sup>c</sup> Pherfon,	Digges,	J. S. Purnell,	Pinkney,	Dorsey.	35.
	Harwood,	Sherwood,	R. Bowie,	Dennis,	Edmondson,		

N E G A T I V E.

Mc.	Blake,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Chamberlaine,	Polk,	S. Miller,	Bravard.	10.
	Ridgely,	Cockey,	Stewart,	Lecompte,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike, after some time, reported, that Archibald Golder, Thomas Purdy and John Knapp, were elected. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Shaw inform the reverend Mr. Higinbothom, that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Zabdiel Potter, was laid before the house and read, and thereupon, ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Caroline county, for electing a delegate for said county in the room of Mr. Potter; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the first day of December next.

A petition from sundry inhabitants, free voters of Baltimore-town, setting forth, that previous to and at the election for delegates for Baltimore-town, acts of violence were committed, and threats used, by the friends of James M<sup>c</sup>Henry and John Coulter, Esquires, to deter and prevent the electors from voting for Samuel Chase and David M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Esquires, and praying that the said election may be set aside, and that some regulations may be provided by law to secure the freedom of election in future; was preferred and read.

A petition from Samuel Chase and David M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Esquires, of Baltimore-town, setting forth, that the election for delegates for Baltimore-town was not fair and free, from the violence and threats used by the friends and advocates of James M<sup>c</sup>Henry and John Coulter, Esquires, before and during the time of the said election; that a large sum of money was subscribed and paid for carrying on said election; that the said James M<sup>c</sup>Henry and John Coulter, Esquires, or one of them, also paid monies for the same purposes, and praying that the said election may be declared void; was preferred and read.

A remonstrance from Fielder Bowie, of Prince-George's county, setting forth, that Robert Bowie, Esquire, was, at the time of the election of delegates for Prince-George's county, a public collector of the state and county taxes for said county, and therefore ineligible, and praying that the said election may be set aside; was preferred and read.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 5, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Thomas Gantt, a delegate returned for Calvert county, Mr. Henry Shryock, Mr. Ignatius Taylor and Mr. John Lynn, delegates returned for Washington county, Mr. David Craufurd, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, and Mr. John M<sup>c</sup>Pherfon, a delegate returned for Frederick county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house.

The gentlemen appointed to wait on his excellency, acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the message.

The petition of Patrick Edwards, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Matthews, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.

A petition