

24. All fines imposed by the house shall be paid to the clerk, and applied as the house shall direct.

25. The substance of all petitions, memorials, or other applications to the house, shall be entered on the journal.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. No member shall nominate more than one person on any committee.

30. That all the members present shall divide on every question, unless excused by the house, or on calling of the yeas and nays his refusal shall be noted on the journal, at the request of any member.

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, John Knapp and Thomas Purdy, were elected. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government, as prevent a citizen from taking a seat in the legislature, or being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath to the support of this government, passed November session, 1788. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Sterett and Mr. Faw, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from William Hendersides, a soldier in the late Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. U. Forrest, Mr. Norris and Mr. R. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Nicholas Worthington and Mr. John Griffith Worthington, two delegates returned for Anne-Arundel county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house.

A letter from the secretary of the senate of the United States, of the 7th of October last, enclosing a copy of the journals of the senate at their first session, was laid before the house, and read.

A letter of excuse from Mr. Peregrine Lethbury, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, was laid before the house, and read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate the inspection of tobacco. ORDERED, That Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. U. Forrest, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Parnham, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sterett and Mr. R. Bowie, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 7, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Pinkney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent a citizen from taking a seat in the legislature, or being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath to the support of this government, passed November session, 1788; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That for the dispatch of public business, this house will sit twice a day during this session? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative.

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

Mr. William Tilghman and Mr. Matthew Tilghman, two delegates returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Hendersides, of Harford county, beg leave to report, that they believe the facts stated in said petition to be true, and are of opinion, that the auditor-general should be authorized to settle the account of the said William Hendersides, late a soldier in the sixth Maryland regiment, in the same manner as he would have done if the application of the said Hendersides had been made in time. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr.