

4 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1789.

Mr. William Banckes, a delegate returned for Caroline 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 his seat in the house.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That leave be given to bring in a bill directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. U. Forrest, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Yeas	Z. Forrest,	Freeland,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Quynn,	Shriver,	Sterett,
	M. Tilghman,	Somervell,	Gittings,	Purnell,	Norris,	Oneale,
	Harwood,	Craik,	Owings,	Dennis,	Pinkney,	U. Forrest.
	Fraizer,	Ridgely,	R. Bowie,	Faw,		22.
N E G A T I V E.						
Nays	Hopewell,	J. Worthington,	Winder,	Clark,	Banckes,	Shryock,
	W. Tilghman,	B. Worthington,	Lecompte,	Seney,	Emory,	Stull,
	Moore,	Parnham,	Steele,	Dorley,	M-Henry,	Ott.
	N. Worthington,	Stewart,	Bond,			21.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The main question was then put. The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Yeas	Z. Forrest,	Harwood,	Parnham,	Owings,	Purnell,	Norris,
	Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	Craik,	Winder,	Dennis,	Pinkney,
	M. Tilghman,	Fraizer,	Ridgely,	Lecompte,	Faw,	Sterett,
	N. Worthington,	Freeland,	Ridgely, of Wm.	R. Bowie,	Shriver,	Oneale,
	J. Worthington,	Somervell,	Gittings,	Quynn,	Dorley,	U. Forrest.
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N E G A T I V E.						
Nays	W. Tilghman,	Steele,	Clark,	Banckes,	M-Henry,	Stull,
	Moore,	Bond,	Seney,	Emory,	Shryock,	Ott.
	Stewart,					13.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. U. Forrest, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Sterett, Mr. M. Tilghman, Mr. Craik, Mr. Faw and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Adam Bontz, a languishing prisoner of Frederick county gaol, praying to be liberated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shryock, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. and Mr. Fraizer, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Sigfried, a languishing prisoner in Frederick county gaol, and a counter petition thereto, were preferred, read, and referred to the above committee on Adam Bontz's petition.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, praying to be relieved from a tax on spirituous liquors, &c. was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Seney, Mr. Winder, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Dorley, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Barbara Hall, widow of Thomas Henry Hall, late of Washington county, deceased, stating that she, with Thomas Sprigg and Thomas Belt, executors of the last will of the deceased, were authorized to convey certain lands sold by the deceased; that the said Thomas Sprigg and Thomas Belt have declined to act; and praying a law to enable her to convey the same; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. R. Bowie, Mr. Gittings and Mr. Stull, to consider and report thereon.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to lay before the general assembly, a state and account of their proceedings under the powers granted them by the sixth section of an act of the last general assembly, entitled, An act to empower the governor and council to compound with the discoverers of British property, and for other purposes; and that all further proceedings in virtue of the said section of the said act, be immediately suspended until the present general assembly shall take further order therein.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 9, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Harwood and Mr. U. Forrest. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Henry James Carroll, a delegate returned for Saint-Mary's county, Mr. Benjamin F. A. C. Dashiell, a delegate returned for Worcester county, Mr. John Lynn, a delegate returned for Washington county, and Mr. William H. McPherson, a delegate returned for Charles 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.

His excellency the governor communicates a letter from the president of the United States of the 2d October, 1789, enclosing a resolution, and a copy of the amendments proposed to be added to the