

returned for Queen-Anne's county, Mr. Richard Pattison, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, and Mr. Upton Bruce, a delegate returned for Frederick county, appeared, and after qualifying in the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Benjamin Harwood of the 8th instant, enclosing an account current of funded stock, and an account current of interest to the first instant, and two letters from Samuel A. Otis, enclosing journals of the senate and of the house of representatives of the United States; which were read, and the letter from Benjamin Harwood referred to Mr. Matthews, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Rackliff, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

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. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered till the house rises.
3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise, and respectfully address himself to the speaker.
4. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.
6. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave of the house, nor shall any member be interrupted while speaking in order.
7. Any member called to order by the speaker, or any member, shall thereupon take his seat.
8. When the house is sitting, no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.
9. 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.
10. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.
11. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by three members who shall have divided on the question.
12. 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.
13. If a question in debate contains more distinct parts than one, any member may, of right, have the same divided into as many questions as parts.
14. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so vice versa, until a decision by the speaker.
15. Whenever the speaker shall decide any question, the same shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required.
16. Every bill originated in this house, 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 special order, dispence 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 seven.
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.
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 determined by the speaker.
22. No motion shall be made after the hour of adjournment, without leave of the house.
23. All misdemeanors which shall happen in the house, shall be censured or fined by the house.
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 answers on the other on the yeas and nays, the same shall be noted on the journal at the request of any member.
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, shall be entered on the journal.
27. The clerk of the house shall, during the first week of the session, put into the hands of the speaker a correct list of all papers 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 the leave of the speaker, under the penalty of such fine as may be imposed by the speaker, not exceeding forty shillings.
30. No member shall nominate more than one person on any committee.
31. All the members present shall divide on every question, unless excused by the house, or on calling the yeas and nays his refusal shall be noted on the journal at the request of any member.