

32. Whenever a motion shall be made, nor question propounded to the house, and not seconded, no other business shall be received until the speaker shall inform the house that the motion or proposition first made is not seconded.

33. When the house adjourns, every member shall rise in his place, and remain until the speaker go forth.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said report for the use of the members of this house.

A petition from Samuel and Mary Coe, administrators of James Lipscomb, late a soldier in the Maryland line, stating, that they supported the said Lipscomb until his death; that the said Lipscomb never obtained his final certificates in his life-time, and praying relief in the premises, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Merryman, Mr. Godman and Mr. Kerr, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Clayland, of Talbot county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Key, Mr. McComas and Mr. Emerson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Grace, of Talbot county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the above committee to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the inhabitants of Nottingham, praying an act may pass to restrain hogs from running at large, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Calvert, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Brogden, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry citizens of the city of Baltimore, proprietors of the shares in a company called The Hope Interest Company, praying an act of incorporation, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Worthington, Mr. Merryman, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Bond and Mr. Jones, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Elisha Stewart, of Talbot county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying an act may pass for laying out a public road from where Matthew Christopher's road intersects the Snow-Hill road that leads to Salisbury-town, and from thence till it intersects the county road from said town to Princess-Anne-town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Rackliff, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Kerr, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Needham, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That a majority of this house shall have the power of expunging, at pleasure, any part of the proceedings, unless seven members shall object, and that the question taken upon the motion to expunge shall not appear upon the journal? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative.

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

A petition from Peregrine Briscoe, late sheriff of Cæcil county, praying an act may pass empowering him to collect the balances due him as sheriff and collector, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Matthews and Mr. McComas, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Bromé, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Hall, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. C. Frazier, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Emerson, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

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

F R I D A Y, November 10, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Montgomery, a delegate returned for Harford 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.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, stating, that from the situation of their county they labour under great inconveniences under the militia law, in attending the regimental meetings, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Warfield and Mr. A. Beall, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from William Stoneall, John Goulding, Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Clements, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Michael Taney, a delegate returned for Calvert 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.

A petition from Thomas Gassaway, of Allegany county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The speaker laid before the house the following report:

To the Honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND.

WILLIAM MARBURY, agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, begs leave to report, that on the 14th of January, 1797, he received from the treasurer of the western shore the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and on the 7th day of August following the further sum of twenty