

The house appointed Mr. Cornelius Mills serjeant at arms, and Mr. John Trueman door-keeper.

**ORDERED,** That they be qualified.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Key and Mr. Nicholson wait on his excellency the governor, and inform him that this house have met, and are ready to proceed to public business, and to receive any communications he may think proper to lay before them.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Hall, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Addison, Mr. Miller and Mr. Nicholson, be a committee to inspect and examine the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeably to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government; and that they have full power to send for persons, papers and records.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Mr. Brogden, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. James A. Magruder, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Barroll, were elected.

**ORDERED,** That they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Key, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Taney and Mr. Cresap, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice.

**ORDERED,** That they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Key and Mr. Harwood, be a committee to inquire what laws have expired, or will expire with the session.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to revive and continue the several acts of assembly therein mentioned to the end of this session of assembly, and to establish and confirm all acts done in pursuance of said laws. **ORDERED,** That Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Nicholson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, **ORDERED,** That Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Addison, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during this session.

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

The speaker laid before the house a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing sundry resolutions from the commonwealth of Massachusetts; which was read.

**ORDERED,** That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Key, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Barroll, be a committee to prepare an answer to the same.

**ORDERED,** That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said letter for the use of the general assembly.

And a letter from the council, with sundry enclosures; which was read.

**ORDERED,** That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Key, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

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

## T H U R S D A Y, November 8, 1798.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Benjamin Jones, Mr. Lambert Hyland and Mr. William Henry Winder, three delegates returned for Somerset county, Mr. Luke White Barber, a delegate returned for Saint Mary's county, Mr. Thomas Buchanan, a delegate returned for Charles county, Mr. Solomon Frazier and Mr. Isaac Steele, two delegates returned for Dorchester county, Mr. Jesse Bennett, a delegate returned for Worcester county, and Mr. Levi Hollingsworth, a delegate returned for Cæcil 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.

**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.

Petitions from Richard Rochester, of Queen-Anne's county, Edward Pye, William Thompson, John F. Beall and Benjamin Cawood, of Charles county, Alexander Scott Peter, Francis Valdemere, Townsend Wilson Hunt and John Rigby, of Montgomery county, Frederick Koonos and Samuel Williams, of Prince-George's county, John Wolfenden, of Baltimore city, and William Cooper Bish-ray, of the city of Annapolis, severally praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Brome, Mr. Taney, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Steele, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Clayton, and others, of Queen-Anne's county, securities of Thomas O'Bryon, former sheriff of said county, praying to be released from the remaining nine per cent. due to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. C. Frazier and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Mr. Richard Key Watts, Mr. Joseph Harwood, Mr. Samuel Maynard, junior, Mrs. John Francis Harris and Mr. Lewis Gassaway, were elected. **ORDERED,** That they be qualified.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm an act passed at the last session of assembly, entitled, An act to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates and for elector of the senate. **ORDERED,** That Mr. A. Buchanan, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Richard Tilghman, and others, of Queen-Anne's county, praying they may be authorized by lottery to raise a sum of money to reimburse them for monies expended in erecting a church