

4 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1804.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Stansbury and Mr. Scott wait upon his excellency the governor, and inform him that this house is met, and are ready to proceed to public business, and to receive any communications he may think proper to lay before them.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 7, 1804.

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, and Mr. Robert H. Goldsborough, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the auditor-general, enclosing the accounts of the late and present treasurer of the western shore, as charged on the auditor's books, from the first of November, eighteen hundred and three, to the thirty-first of October, eighteen hundred and four, inclusive, also an estimate of the state debt, made up to the first of November, eighteen hundred and four; which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Mr. Louis Gassaway, Mr. Charles Gibson, Mr. Philemon Downes, Mr. George Howard and Mr. John Brewer, had a majority of votes. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

Mr. William Potter, a delegate returned for Caroline county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the trustee of the state, enclosing an account current of funded stock to the thirty-first of October, eighteen hundred and four, inclusive, also an account current of interest and principal received on said stock to the same period; which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Richard Mackall, Mr. Meluy, Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Contee and Mr. Hatcheson, were elected.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee to inspect and examine the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeably to the constitution and form of government; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Scott, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Veazey, were elected. ORDERED, That they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of grievances and courts of justice; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Mr. Stephen, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Scott, Mr. Stansbury and Mr. Montgomery, were elected. ORDERED, That they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Clarke, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during the session.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to compel the registers of wills in the several counties therein mentioned to keep each his office at the seat of justice in the county for which he shall be register. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. M'Pherson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 8, 1804.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. James Alexander, a delegate returned for Cæcil county, Mr. John Thomas, a delegate returned for Kent county, Mr. William Somervell, a delegate returned for Calvert county, and Mr. John Williams, a delegate returned for Worcester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Lloyd have leave of absence for a few days.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act for amending and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. James C. Hyland, a delegate returned for Somerset county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.