

2 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779.

T H U R S D A Y, November 4, 1779.

PRESENT as on yesterday, with the addition of Mr. Charles Williamson and Mr. Frisby Freeland, for Calvert county; Mr. John Stull, for Washington county; Mr. William Bruff and Mr. Jacob Ringgold, for Queen-Anne's county; and Mr. William Stevenson, for Kent county.

There not yet being a sufficient number of delegates to compose a house, those present adjourned until to-morrow.

F R I D A Y, November 5, 1779.

PRESENT as on yesterday, with the addition of Mr. Peregrine Lethbray, for Kent county; Mr. John Ward, for Cecil county; Mr. John Winder, Mr. John Williams, and Mr. Josiah Dashiell, for Somerset county; Mr. Christopher Birkhead, for Talbot county; Mr. Charles Daffin, for Caroline county; and Mr. Thomas Cramphin, jun. and Mr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, for Montgomery county.

There not yet being a sufficient number of delegates to compose a house, those present adjourned until to-morrow.

S A T U R D A Y, November 6, 1779.

PRESENT as on yesterday, with the addition of Mr. William Keene and Mr. Matthew Driver, for Caroline county.

There not yet being a sufficient number of delegates to compose a house, those present adjourned until Monday.

M O N D A Y, November 8, 1779.

PRESENT the same members as on Saturday, with the addition of Mr. Richard Gresham and Mr. John Lambert Wilmer, for Kent county; Mr. Henry Ridgely, for Anne-Arundel county; Mr. John Digges and Mr. Samuel Hanson, for Charles county; Mr. Archibald Job and Mr. Elihu Hall, for Cecil county; Mr. Thomas Cockay Deye, for Baltimore county; Mr. Peter Chaille, for Worcester county; Mr. John Taylor, for Harford county; Mr. Mark Alexander and Mr. David M'Mechin, for Baltimore-town; and Mr. Edward Burgess and Mr. William Bayly, for Montgomery county.

A sufficient number of delegates to proceed to business being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking, repeating and subscribing the oath of fidelity prescribed by the act entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism.

The house proceeded to the choice of a speaker, and the honorable John Beall was elected by ballot.

The house appointed Mr. John Duckett clerk.

ORDERED That he qualify as such, by taking the several oaths required, subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath that he will honestly, faithfully and diligently discharge the office of clerk to the house of delegates of Maryland, and that he will not reveal or disclose the secrets thereof.

ORDERED That Mr. J. Hall and Mr. J. Hanson do acquaint the governor, that there is a sufficient number of delegates convened to compose a house. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the message.

The house appointed Mr. John Callahan assistant clerk; Mr. Robert Reynolds sergeant at arms; Mr. Cornelius Mills doorkeeper; Mr. Nicholas Harwood, Mr. William Hanson M'Pherson, and Mr. Archibald Golder, committee clerks.

ORDERED That they be qualified.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

On motion, the question was put, That a brigadier-general or other officer in the regular service, during the time he holds his commission, is eligible as governor of the state of Maryland, being in other respects qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government? Carried in the negative.

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