

56. That to introduce the new government, an election be held for the electors of the senate on the third Monday of November in this present year, and that the electors of the senate meet at Annapolis on the first Monday of December in this present year, and there choose senators, and that an election be held on the third Monday of December for delegates to serve in general assembly, and for sheriffs; and that the said elections be made by such persons, in the same manner, and under the same qualifications, as such elections are herein before directed to be made at the periodical times before mentioned; the returns of all which first elections shall be made to the council of safety for the time being, and the general assembly shall meet at Annapolis on the _____ day of _____, and shall, in their then session, or in such future session as they shall think proper, choose a governor and council for the residue of the year in the manner before directed; and for filling in the first instance only all the offices in the disposition of the governor, with the advice of the council, the house of delegates may also propose to the senate a list of all officers in the appointment of the governor with the advice of the council, and on the senate concurring therein, or in the recommendation of any of the persons therein mentioned, such persons so recommended shall be commissioned by the governor; but if the senate shall not concur in the recommendation of any of the persons proposed as aforesaid, then shall a joint ballot of both houses be taken in manner aforesaid for persons to be recommended for such offices, and the persons in whose favour such ballot shall pass shall be commissioned as aforesaid.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 4, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Barnes, Mr. J. Mackall, Mr. B. Mackall, Mr. B. Hall, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Hammond, Mr. S. Chase, Mr. J. T. Chase, and Mr. J. Wilson, appeared in the house.

On motion of Mr. Gustavus Scott, That all civil officers now in commission for this state under the old form of government, shall continue to act in their respective departments until others shall be appointed and commissioned in their stead by the legislature or executive power of this state, and qualified to act; An amendment was proposed in the words following, "and that the county courts assess the county charges as usual." On which amendment the question was put, and resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Barnes, Fenwick, Plater, Dent, Parnham, Grahame, Fitzhugh,	J. Mackall, Marbury, Worthington, Paca, Carroll, J. Wilson, Edelen,	Beall, Stull, J. Smith, Archer, Ewing, D. Smith,	Brevard, Earle, T. Smyth, T. Wright, Kent, Bruff,	S. Wright, Edmondson, Gibson, Mason, Dickinson, Johnson,	Gustavus Scott, George Scott, Horley, Chaille, Bishop, Mitchell.
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The question was then put on the motion so amended, and resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the same be published in the Maryland gazette and Baltimore papers.

The convention took into consideration the report of the form of government for this state from the committee of the whole, and in progression on reading the same, on motion of Mr. Bayly, the question was put, That the second article thereof be struck out? Carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. T. Wright, the question was then put, That the word "five" be inserted instead of the word "thirty" in the second article? Carried in the negative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Fitzhugh, J. Mackall, Bowie, Marbury,	Hammond, J. Wilson, Bayly, Williams,	Ridgely, Deye, Stevenson,	Bond, Love, Archer,	Ewing, Brevard, T. Wright,	Kent, Bruff, S. Wright.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Barnes, Fenwick, Plater, Dent, Parnham, B. Mackall,	Grahame, J. Hall, Worthington, S. Chase, Paca, Carroll,	Fischer, Edelen, Shriver, Beall, Stull, J. Smith,	J. T. Chase, Gilpin, D. Smith, Earle, T. Smyth, Edmondson,	Gibson, Mason, Dickinson, Johnson, Gustavus Scott,	George Scott, Horley, Chaille, Bishop, Mitchell.
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On motion of Mr. Bayly, the question was then put, That the words "or paying taxes for the support of government," be inserted in the second article instead of the words "or having property in the state above the value of thirty pounds currency?" Carried in the negative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Dent, Parnham, Fitzhugh, J. Mackall,	Bowie, Marbury, Hammond, J. Wilson,	Bayly, Williams, Ridgely, Deye,	Stevenson, Bond, Love, Archer,	Gilpin, Ewing, D. Smith, Brevard,	T. Wright, Kent, Bruff, S. Wright.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Barnes, Fenwick, Plater, B. Mackall, J. Hall,	Worthington, S. Chase, Paca, Carroll, Fischer,	Edelen, Shriver, Beall, Stull, J. Smith,	J. T. Chase, Earle, T. Smyth, Edmondson, Gibson,	Mason, Dickinson, Johnson, Gustavus Scott, George Scott,	Horley, Chaille, Bishop, Mitchell.
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On motion of Mr. S. Chase, the question was put, That the word "third" be inserted in the second article between the word "every" and the word "year?" Carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. S. Chase the question was then put, That the word "second" be inserted in the same place? Carried in the negative.

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