

- 30th. On an election to any office of trust or profit, no ballot shall be counted unless the person for whom the ballot shall be given be named to the house before the balloting be gone into.
- 31st. All the members present shall divide on every question, unless excused by the house, or on calling the yeas and nays his refusal shall be noted on the journal at the request of any member.
- 32d. Whenever a motion shall be made or 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.
- 33d. No motion for reconsideration shall be permitted unless made and seconded by two members who were in the majority on the original question.
- 34th. When a blank is to be filled up and different sums, numbers, or times, shall be proposed, the question shall be first taken on the largest sum, or number, and on the latest time.
- 35th. When the house adjourns every member shall rise in his place and remain until the speaker go forth.
- 36th. That every committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.
- 37th. That the speaker may not enter into debate, but may vote on every question except on an appeal from the chair on a question of order.
- 38th. That the name of every member making any motion, presenting any petition, or proposing any resolution, shall be inserted on the journal of the house.
- 39th. A motion to reconsider or strike out for the purpose of inserting or amending, together with the amendment or matter proposed to be inserted, shall be received, and the question taken on it as one entire motion, but any member may have the same divided agreeably to the thirteenth rule of this house.
- 40th. Every bill or resolution before its second reading in the house, shall, if required by any five members, be committed to a committee of the whole house.

By order,

J. YATES, Ck.

Which was read.

Mr. Stephen delivers a petition from the heirs of the late General John Davidson, praying that certain monies paid into the treasury by their deceased father may be refunded to them; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stephen, R. Dorsey and Claude.

Mr. Garner delivers a petition from John Russell, and Eleanor his wife, of Charles county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Garner, Semmes and Brawner.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in Prince George's county. Ordered, that Messrs. Semmes, Claggett and Somerville, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Estep delivers a petition from the trustees of Severn church, in Anne-Arundel county, praying for a law authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of completing the building of said church; which was read and referred to Messrs. Estep, T. H. Dorsey and R. Dorsey.

Mr. Saulsbury delivers a petition from Samuel Hardcastle, and others, of Caroline county, praying that a law may pass authorising the county court, if they shall think proper, to confirm the proceedings and return of the commissioners appointed to make partition of the real estate of John Hardcastle, late of said county, deceased, and for other purposes; also a petition from certain members of the Methodist Episcopal church in said county, praying legislative interposition relative to a piece of ground belonging to the heirs of John Baynard deceased, on which they have erected a meeting house; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Saulsbury, Holbrook and Whitely.

On motion by Mr. W. R. Stewart, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments. Ordered, That Messrs. W. R. Stewart, Lecompte and Harrison, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. R. Dorsey from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Hood, of Anne-Arundel county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and required, to pay unto James Hood, of Anne-Arundel county, or his order, annually, in quarterly payments, during his life, a sum of money equal to the half pay of assistant commissary, for his services during the revolutionary war.

By order,

J. W. BORDLEY, Ck.

Which was read.

Mr. Kennedy delivers a petition from Patrick Allen, a revolutionary soldier, praying compensation for his services; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kennedy, Yates and Sweitzer; also a bill, entitled, An act to confirm to the vestry of the German United Evangelic Lutheran and Evangelic Reformed Congregations of Christ Church in and about Jerusalem Town, in Washington county, and their successors in office, the title to lot No. 156 in said town; which was read.

Mr. Sweitzer delivers petitions from James T. Pollock and Fanny Pollock, of Washington county, praying for a divorce; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 5, 1817.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have organized a house, and appointed W. Spencer, Esq. president thereof, and are ready to proceed with the business of the session. The senate propose to sit for the transaction of business from 10 o'clock A. M. till 3 o'clock P. M.,

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Ck.

Which was read.

Mr. Claggett delivers a petition from Henry Ashton, praying that he may be authorised to make sale of certain negroes in this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Claggett, Digges and Somerville.

Mr. Semmes delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter change and repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Prince-George's county into election districts; which was read.