

8 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781.

man, Josiah Polk, Benedict & Edward Hall, and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, are duly elected senators. Which is submitted to the senate.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, cl. com.

Which was read and concurred with.

THE committee, appointed to draught rules and regulations for the senate, beg leave to report the following :

1. That the seniority of senators be determined by the number of votes of the electors, and times of their election by the senate, accounting that senator eldest who had the greatest number of votes in his favour, and so in order, and every member shall take his seat accordingly.
2. Every member shall take his seat when the president takes the chair, and remain uncovered till the senate rises.
3. Every member, who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place, and decently address himself to the president.
4. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave, nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking.
5. No member, at the time of his speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
6. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the president shall determine which shall speak first.
7. Every bill brought in by a member, or received from the house of delegates, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless it be read a second time by an especial order; and no bill, or other matter of importance, shall have a second reading, until all the members in town be called upon to attend.
8. All questions shall be determined by a majority of voices, taken seriatim, beginning at the junior senator.
9. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the votes taken, if moved for.
10. The president may not enter into debate, but may vote on every question.
11. Conferrees, and members appointed on draught, on motion of a member, shall be elected by ballot, the number never to exceed five.
12. No member shall depart without leave, on pain of being censured from the chair on his return.
13. Each senator shall have a right, when a vote passes contrary to his sentiments, to enter his dissent on the journals of the senate, with the reasons thereof, provided his intention of protesting be declared to the senate at the time of the passage of such vote, and his protest be filed within five days thereafter.

Which are submitted to the senate.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, cl. com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 26, 1781.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Robert Goldsborough, Esq; has leave of absence.

The petition of Elizabeth Stainton, of Caroline county, widow, and relict of Benson Stainton, of the same county, lately deceased, and Margaret Campbell, of same county, daughter of the said Elizabeth Stainton, praying that the estate of Benson Stainton, who died intestate, might be confirmed to her and her heirs; the petition of Margaret Button, of Baltimore county, praying the estate of her husband, who left the country at the beginning of the war, might not be confiscated; the petition of Stanley Byus, of Dorchester county, praying that he might be permitted to put into the office a sum of continental money, which was in the possession of his brother James Byus, who died without informing of it, and the time allowed for putting it in elapsed before it was discovered; with a representation from the commissioners to preserve confiscated British property; were read, referred to the house of delegates, and sent by Richard Barnes, Esq;

His Excellency the governor communicates to the president sundry letters from general Washington and others, with the requisitions of congress for the year 1782; which were read, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

On motion, ORDERED, That a copy be taken of the letter from the financier, of November 17, 1781, with the requisitions of congress therewith sent.

The senate, taking into consideration the rules and regulations draughted by the committee appointed for that purpose, agreed to the whole except the first, which was altered as follows :

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