

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1791.

6. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the president shall determine which shall speak first.

7. If a member, when speaking, is called to order by the president, or any other member, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat until it is determined whether he is in order or not; and all questions of order shall be determined, in the first instance, by the president; but every member shall have a right to appeal from his decision to the judgment of the senate.

8. 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.

9. All questions shall be determined by a majority of voices, taken seriatim, by beginning with the senior member.

10. Every question shall be entered on the journal; and the votes taken if moved for.

11. The president may not enter into debate, but may vote on every question.

12. All committees of the senate, or conferences thereof, shall, if required by any member, be elected by ballot, the number never to exceed five.

13. No member shall depart without leave, on pain of being censured from the chair on his return.

14. Each senator shall have a right, when a vote passes contrary to his sentiments, to enter his dissent, 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 ten days thereafter.

All which is submitted to the honourable senate.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The president communicates to the senate a petition from John Kirwan, an insolvent debtor, praying relief from confinement; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 12, 1791.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. William Hindman, Esquire, appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of John Kirwan, was sent to the house of delegates by John Hall, Esquire.

On motion, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relative to commissions from the court of chancery for examining witnesses and taking depositions, and to authorise the said court to decree a special performance of agreements in cases therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tilghman, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the commissioners for building a court house at Easton, in Talbot county, to sell and dispose of the old court-house, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 11, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 11, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

And a bill, entitled, An act to lay a further tax on Cecil county, to complete the court-house, prison and prison yard, at Elkton, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 11, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 12, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

And also a bill, entitled, An act to remedy the defects of sheriffs bonds taken in certain cases, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 11, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 12, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wright, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 12, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 12, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr.