

## YEAS AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1804.

9. 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, without debate, but every member shall have a right to appeal from his decision to the judgment of the senate.

10. 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 for the perusal of the members, unless it be read a second time by 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, if required by any member.

11. No bill or resolution shall be read a second time by especial order without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

12. Every bill or resolution received from the house of delegates shall be committed to a special committee, if required by any member.

13. All questions shall be determined by a majority of voices, taken *seriatim* in the order prescribed.

14. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the votes taken by yeas and nays, if required by any member.

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

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

17. No member shall depart without leave.

18. No rule shall be dispensed with without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

19. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received unless to amend it, to commit, for the previous question, to postpone it to a day certain, or to adjourn.

20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

21. The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall preclude all amendment and further debate on the main question, and no person shall speak more than once on the previous question.

22. Any member may call for the division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

23. No motion for reconsideration shall be received unless made by a member, and seconded by another, who voted in the majority on the question in the first instance.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the senate sit, for the dispatch of business, from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the evening.

The senate proceeded to the election of two members to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of Mr. John T. Worthington and Mr. Richard Mackall, and after qualifying according to the constitution and form of government, the ballot box being prepared and the ballots deposited therein, on examination thereof it appeared that Thomas Johnson and William Thomas had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Thomas Johnson and William Thomas are duly elected senators of Maryland.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Gantt, an insolvent debtor, of Prince-George's county, was read the second time by especial order and passed.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 23, 1804.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Gantt, an insolvent debtor, of Prince-George's county, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John D. Coffee, of Montgomery county, severally passed by that house November 21, 1804; and a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road through Frederick and Montgomery counties, passed by that house November 22, 1804; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. Strike out the word "inhabitants" in the 2d line of the 2d page and insert the words "assessable property."

The bill, entitled, An act authorising Jacob Schnebly, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collection, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. After the word "five" in the 11th line of the 1st page insert "all balances due him as sheriff and collector of Washington county for the year eighteen hundred and three."

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following resolution: