

lative to the ratification of the proposed amendment of the constitution of the United States, inhibiting the citizens thereof from accepting any title of honor or nobility from any foreign prince or power: And also a letter from the secretary of the state of Connecticut to the clerk of this department, proposing an exchange of laws. The executive have thought proper to furnish out of their contingent fund, fifty blankets to the troops stationed at this place, for the defence of the capital of the state, and take the liberty to suggest to the legislature that it would be of considerable importance to the stability and efficiency of such defence, if a sufficient sum of money were appropriated to supply the troops now engaged in that service, with winter clothing, sufficient to protect them from the inclemencies of the approaching season.

We have the honor to be, with high consideration and respect, your most obedient servants,
ROBERT BOWIE.

*The Honorable the President of the Senate, and
the Honorable the Speaker of the House of
Delegates.*

Which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

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

WEDNESDAY, November 4, 1812.

THE Senate met.—Present the same members as on yesterday.—The proceedings from Monday inclusive, were read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Nov. 3, 1812.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Your message of this morning we have received. A quorum of the house of delegates being also assembled, we are ready to proceed to business. The time of sitting appointed by us, is from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to confirm an act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and eleven, entitled, an act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Brown, Davis and Holbrook, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Brown, from the committee delivers a bill entitled, an act to confirm an act passed at November session eighteen hundred and eleven, entitled, act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brown from the committee appointed to report rules and regulations to be observed in the senate, delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations to be observed in the senate, beg leave to submit the following report, viz:

RULE 1st. The President shall take the chair at the hour of meeting.

2d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the senate rises.

3rd. The names of the senators shall be called in alphabetical order, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

4th. The President having taken the chair, a quorum being present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, that any mistake that shall have been made in the entries, may be corrected.

5th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion or speak in any debate, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the President.

6th. No member at the time of his speaking shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

7th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the senate, nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak may have spoken.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall determine who shall speak first.

9th. 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.

10th. Every bill or resolution 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 special 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.

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

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

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

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

15th. The President may not enter into debate, but may vote on every question.