

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

On motion by Mr. Quinton, Ordered, That Mr. Quinton and Mr. Duvall inform the reverend Mr. Watt, that the same request he will perform Divine Service every morning at the meeting of the house.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 5th, 1815.

The house met. Present the same members on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Nicholas Stonestreet, a delegate returned for Charles county, and Mr. Abraham Jones a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after having severally qualified in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

Mr. John Stevens was appointed assistant clerk. Ordered that he qualify as such, by taking the several oaths required; by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian religion, and by taking an oath that he will honestly, faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of his appointment, and that he will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house of delegates.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, Ordered that Messrs. Lecompte and Bowles wait upon his excellency the governor, and inform him that a quorum of this house having formed, are ready to proceed to business, and to receive any communication he may think proper to lay before them.

The house appointed John Bordley, James Goddard, William K. Lambden, John N. Watkins and Rinaldo Pindel, committee clerks. Ordered that they be qualified.

Mr. Thomas S. Soanerville, a delegate returned for Prince George's county, appeared, and after having qualified in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of elections; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Messrs. Ephraim K. Wilson, Kilgour, Stonestreet, Spencer and McMahon, were elected. Ordered that they have power to send for persons, papers and records. Mr. McMahon, on his application, was excused from serving on the said committee, and Mr. Lloyd appointed in his place by the speaker, who was authorized by the house to supply the vacancy.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 5, 1815.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate having formed a house, are ready to proceed with the business of the session; they have elected The Honorable Elijah Davis, president, and Mr. Thomas Rogers, clerk. The time of sitting of this body will be from nine o'clock in the morning, until three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read

Mr. Lecompte and Mr. Bowles report to the house that they have waited upon his excellency the governor, who informed them that a communication will be sent to the house to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, Ordered, that this house sit this session for the dispatch of public business from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 5, 1815.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of this morning. This house also is formed and ready to proceed in the business of the session. We have appointed the honorable Henry H. Chapman, speaker, and Louis Gassaway, chief clerk. The time of sitting of this house will be from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of grievances and courts of justice; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported that Messrs. Bayly, Lecompte, Thomas, Causin and Harrison, were elected.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, Ordered that Messrs. Bowles, Long and Ford, be a committee to prepare rules proper to be observed by this house during the present session.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Messrs. Thomas N. Williams, Griffith, Ford, Gray, Prather, Bowles and Hughes, were elected.

On motion by Mr. Blackiston, Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to have printed all papers ordered by this house to be printed during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Crab, ordered, that the committee of grievances and courts of justice, be instructed to enquire and report to this house, whether the usual number of Laws and Votes and Proceedings of the last session of the General Assembly of Maryland, have been printed and deposited in the council chamber for distribution, in the usual manner, and when, and if not to what cause the failure is to be ascribed.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 6.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Archibald Van Horn a delegate returned for Prince George's county, appeared, and after having qualified in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Bowles delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Sharpsburg in Washington county, praying that a law may pass authorising a lottery for the purpose of purchasing a fire engine. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Bowles, Edward G. Williams and Schnebly.

Mr. Schnebly delivers a petition from the president in behalf of the directors and stock-holders of the Hagerstown bank, praying that a law may pass to extend the capital of said bank. Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.