

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENATE.

MONDAY, the fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the General Assembly, appeared in the senate,

Messrs. ELIJAH DAVIS,
JAMES FENWICK,
THOMAS HAWKINS,
LEVI HOLLINGSWORTH,
WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH,

THOMAS JOHNSON,
JAMES NABB,
JOHN STEPHEN,
AND
NATHANIEL WILLIAMS.

A sufficient number of members to compose a senate being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other before James Hunter, Esq. one of the justices of the peace of the state of Maryland, for Anne Arundel county, by taking the oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of their belief in the Christian religion and by taking the oath for the support of the government of the United States.

On motion, the senate proceeded to the election of a president, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that the honorable Elijah Davis was unanimously elected.

Mr. Thomas Rodgers was appointed clerk, Mr. James G. Davis assistant clerk and Mr. John Brown committee clerk, who severally qualified as such.

Mr. Henry Thompson was appointed messenger, and Mr. John Sullivan doorkeeper, who severally qualified as such.

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

TUESDAY, December 5.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. On motion of Mr. Williams, Resolved, that the senate observe during the present session the rules and regulations adopted at the last session.

The following message was read, agreed to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

On motion of Mr. Williams, Resolved, that it shall not be required of the clerk to insert in the proceedings of the senate any resolution sent from the house of delegates unless the yeas and nays should be called on the second reading of such resolution, or on some amendment proposed thereto: and resolutions originating in the senate shall only be inserted in the proceedings of the day on which they shall be finally acted upon.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. Johnson and W. Hollingsworth wait upon the governor and inform him that the senate are in session and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to send before them.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 5, 1815.

Gentlemen of the senate,

We have received your message of this morning. This house is also formed and ready to proceed with 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 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 6.

The same members appeared as on yesterday, except Messrs. L. Hollingsworth and N. Williams. John Williams appeared in the senate, qualified and took his seat. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Fenwick Resolved, that the senate proceed immediately to the election of a member.