

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENATE.

MONDAY, the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the general assembly, appeared in the senate,

Mr. SPENCER, Mr. DORSEY, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. HOLLYDAY;
Who adjourn until to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, who adjourn until to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Taney and Mr. Cresap appeared in the senate. The members present adjourn until to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, December 4, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Winchester appeared in the senate. The members present adjourn until to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, December 5, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Winder and Mr. Gale appeared in the senate.

A sufficient number of members to compose a senate being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other before Thomas Brice, esquire, one of the justices of the peace of the state of Maryland or Anne-Arundel county, by taking the oaths required by the constitution and form of government, 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 honourable William Spencer, was duly elected.

Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the honourable William Spencer is duly elected president thereof.

Mr. Richard Harwood was appointed clerk, and Mr. John N. Watkins assistant clerk, and Mr. Thomas J. Brice committee clerk, who severally qualified as such.

Mr. Gotleb J. Grammer was appointed messenger, and Mr. Henry Coulter door-keeper, who severally qualified as such.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, December 5, 1817.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have organized a house, and appointed William Spencer, esquire, president thereof, and are ready to proceed with the business of the session. The senate propose to sit for the transaction of business from 10 o'clock A. M. until 3 o'clock P. M.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

On motion, Ordered, That Mr. Taney and Mr. Hollyday wait on the Reverend Mr. Davis, and request him to perform divine service in the senate during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Gale, Ordered, That Messrs. Gale, Winder and Winchester, be a committee to report rules and regulations to be observed in the senate

Mr. Winchester presented the petition of Daniel C. Holliday; which was read and referred to Messrs. Winchester, Winder and Cresap, to consider and report thereon. Also the petition of sundry inhabitants for opening South street in the city of Baltimore; which was read, and referred to Messrs. Winchester, Hollyday and Taney, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Taney, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate the clerk's fees in the chancery proceedings in the county courts. Ordered, That Messrs. Taney, Gale and Winder, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the council delivers a communication from the executive respecting the fisheries of the Potomac. Also sundry letters from Nathan Starr respecting arms. Also from William A. Mercien, with his book on military tactics; which were read and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. Winder, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and change such parts of the constitution and form of government as provide for the election of the council and the manner and time of electing the governor. Ordered, That Messrs. Winder, Dorsey and Hollyday, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.