

20th. Where a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend, to commit, for the previous question, to postpone it to a day certain, or to adjourn.

21st. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall always be decided without debate.

22nd. 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.

23rd. Any member may call for a division of a question where the sense will admit of it.

24th. No motion for reconsideration shall be received unless made by a member, and seconded by another, each of whom voted in the majority on the question in the first instance.

25th. That the assistant clerk of the senate lay upon the desk of the president, every morning, as soon as the senate is formed, all the bills, resolutions and motions, depending before the senate, in the order of time in which they were reported or presented for consideration, and that at all times when the senate is sitting, when no motion is under consideration, the president shall, without any motion, take up said bills, resolutions and motions, in the above order, and propose them for the consideration of the senate, and they shall then be considered and acted upon, unless postponed by the order of the senate.

26th. The president of the senate may call any member of the senate to take the chair to relieve him when fatigued in the discharge of his duties.

27th. Whenever any bill, resolution or order, report or other proposition, shall have been read through a second time without amendment, the president shall propound the question, "shall this bill, (resolution or order, report or other proposition,) be passed to a third reading," and if decided in the affirmative, it shall be read a third time, agreeably to the rules of the senate, if in the negative, the bill, resolution, order or report or other proposition, shall be considered as rejected. And if amendments have been made, and the bill, resolution, order, report or other proposition shall have originated in the senate, the president shall put the question, "shall the bill, &c. and amendments be engrossed for a third reading," if decided in the negative, the bill &c. shall be rejected; if in the affirmative, it shall be engrossed and read a third time, according to the rules of the senate.

By order, T. W. LOOCKERMAN, Com. Clk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1822.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, *An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter that part of the constitution and form of government relating to the division of Dorchester county into five separate election districts;* which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 10, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We propose with your concurrence to proceed this day to the election of the executive council, and would request that it should take place at as early an hour as convenient. Messrs. Israel D. Maulsby, Thomas Emory, Philemon Chew, Joshua Prideaux and Nicholas Brewer are put in nomination by this house, and Messrs. Loockerman and Millard are appointed by us to join such gentlemen as you may name for the purpose of counting the ballots.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Brownly presented the petition of the justices of the orphans' court of Harford county; which was referred to Messrs. Brownly, Miller and Chambers.

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

BY THE SENATE, December 10, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We have received your message proposing to go into the election of the executive council to-day, in which we concur and would propose 12 o'clock as the hour. No other gentlemen are nominated by the senate than those named by your house. Messrs. Johnson and Dickinson are appointed on the part of the senate to meet the gentlemen selected by your house to count the ballots.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The senate, having previously qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of a council to the governor. The ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up and delivered to the committee of the senate, appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that Thomas Emory had eighty-six votes, Joshua Prideaux seventy-six votes, Philemon Chew seventy-five votes, Israel D. Maulsby seventy-five votes, Nicholas Brewer sixty-eight votes, and John Chew one vote. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Thomas Emory, Joshua Prideaux, Philemon Chew, Israel D. Maulsby and Nicholas Brewer, having had a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, are duly elected the council to the governor.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, *An act for the support of Thomas Deford, of Queen-Anne's county, an afflicted son of Edward Deford of said county;* which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And a bill, entitled, *An act for the relief of Jacob Ayres, of the city of Baltimore;* which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Miller, Bowie, Kent and Orrell.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 10, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—Thomas Emory, Joshua Prideaux, Philemon Chew, Israel D. Maulsby and Nicholas Brewer, esquires, having been elected council to the governor of this