

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENATE.

MARYLAND, Sct.

On the first Monday of December (being the first day of the month) in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the General Assembly, appeared in the senate Messrs. Joshua Cockey, Dennis Claude, Solomon Dickinson, Reverdy Johnson, William C. Miller, Robert Orrell, William Quinton, and William R. Steuart.

A sufficient number of members to compose a senate being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, before Joseph Mayo, esq. one of the justices of the peace for Anne Arundel county, according to the constitution and form of government.

The senate then proceeded to the election of a president, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared that the honorable William R. Steuart, was unanimously elected. Whereupon it was declared in the senate that the honorable William R. Steuart, was unanimously elected president of the senate.

Mr. William Kilty was unanimously appointed chief clerk, Mr. Charles C. Maccubbin, assistant clerk, and Mr. Thomas W. Lockerman, committee clerk, who severally qualified as such. Mr. Andrew Slicer, was appointed Messenger, and Mr. Samuel Peaco, door keeper.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1823.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Miller. The members present adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1823.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Miller appeared in the senate.

Mr. Johnson offered the following message which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, December 3, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.—The senate having formed a quorum are ready to proceed with the business of the session.

We have chosen the honorable William R. Steuart, president, and William Kilty, esq. chief clerk, and propose to sit for the dispatch of public business from 10 o'clock, in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message; which was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 2, 1823,

Gentlemen of the Senate.—The house of delegates having formed a quorum are ready to proceed with the business of the session.

We have chosen the honorable Tobias E. Stansbury, speaker, and John Brewer, esq. clerk, and propose to sit for the dispatch of business from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clerk.

The president laid before the senate the following communication, which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

ANNAPOLIS, July 12th, 1823.

Gentlemen.—The undersigned judges of the court of appeals, beg leave through you, respectfully to inform the bodies over which you respectively preside, that the clerk of the council has, since the meeting of the court at Annapolis, furnished them with a copy of the resolution of the general assembly, referring to them the report of the select committee of the house of delegates, upon the administration of justice; and to express their regret, that with a wish, on all occasions, and whenever requested, to render any assistance in their power to the legislature, they have not, under the pressure of their very arduous judicial duties, through a term of six weeks, including the sitting on the eastern shore, on which all the cases ready for trial have been disposed of, been able to give to the subject referred to them, the attention required by the