

Col^o Thomas Smithson a Member returned for Baltimore County being lame sent his Lie of Excuse for not attending, which was read and allowed of and Mr John Lanick and Mr John Batturst two Members for Kent County being sick were excused from Attendance as was also Capt John Franklin a Member for Somerset County by Reason of Sickness.

Committee for Election and Privileges appointed by the House are Col^o Walter Smith, Capt Richard Jones, Capt John Marshall, Capt John West and Mr Robert Ungle who are ordered to withdraw thereon.

Resolved that the House meet every Day at ten O'Clock in the Morning and continue sitting till four in the Afternoon.

Resolved that Mr Speaker with two and twenty Members be a sufficient Number to make a House to proceed on Business.

Ordered that Mr Whittington and Mr Lovington go with Mr Phillips, Mr Colgate and Mr Laca to his Excellency and Council to see them sworn. They return and say they saw them sworn.

Mr Marshall from the Committee of Election and Privileges enters the House and acquaints Mr Speaker that the Committee desire St. Mary's County Members may attend the Committee and they were ordered to attend accordingly.

The Honble John Holland and Philip Lynes Esq; enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker several Papers relating to St. Thomas Lawrence's Complaint about Ordinary Licenses and her Majesty's Dispute to the Act for ascertaining the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads and the Act to prevent the Cropping Cutting and defaung Tobacco taken on Board Ships and Vessels on Traight with a Paragraph taken out of his Excellency's Instructions relating to St. Thomas Lawrence's Complaint about the Ordinary Licenses — which being read

Resolved that it be referred for Consideration in a full House.

Resolved Mr Thomas Jones continue Clerk assistant to the Clerk of this House as formerly. The House adjourned till One O'Clock in the Afternoon.

Tuesday Afternoon The House met according to Adjournment being called over were present as in the Morning.

Former Rules of this House transcribed and set up and Resolved that they be the Rules and Orders of this House during this Session & to be observed accordingly.

Committee of Election and Privileges enters the House and reports to the House that the several Members returned for the several Counties are duly Elected but whether Col^o Looke a Member returned for Saint Mary's County be qualified to sit as a Member in this House he having been in Holy Orders the Committee refers to the Consideration of the House which being debated Resolved it be referred for further Consideration to Morrow Morning.