

of the sheriff it appears, that Messieurs Joseph Sprigg, John Barnes, Samuel Hughes, and Henry Schnebely, are duly returned delegates for Washington county. That by the certificate of the sheriff it appears, that Messieurs Richard Mason, William Keene, Benson Stainton, and Matthew Driver, are duly returned delegates for Caroline county. That by the certificate of the sheriff it appears, that Messieurs William Bayly, Thomas Cramphin, jun. Richard Crabb, and Edward Burgels, are duly returned delegates for Montgomery county.

Your committee further beg leave to report to the honourable house, that they are informed that Mr. John Mackall, a delegate returned for Calvert county, was at the time of the election not a resident of Calvert county.

Your committee further beg leave to report to the honourable house, That Mr. James M'Comas, a delegate returned for Harford county, had received a lieutenant-colonel's commission of the militia, but whether the said James M'Comas had resigned his commission previous to the election does not appear to your committee.

Your committee further report, That before the election for Harford county, Mr. William Bond, a delegate returned for Harford county, was appointed an agent for the purchase of provision for this state, but whether he resigned that commission before the election or not does not appear to your committee.

Your committee further report to the honourable house, That Mr. Matthew Driver, a delegate returned for Caroline county, was before the election for delegates to serve for that county a colonel of the militia, but whether he resigned his commission before the election does not appear to your committee.

Your committee also beg leave to observe to the honourable house, That from the information of Mr. John Gibson, at the close of the polls at the election for delegates to serve in general assembly for Talbot county, Messieurs Robert Goldsborough, Howes Goldsborough, Thomas Sherwood, and the above-named John Gibson, were declared by the sheriff to have the greatest number of votes; but that afterwards the said sheriff struck out the names of several of those voters who voted for the said Gibson, by which means John Stevens the fitting member was returned by the sheriff as duly elected. Your committee are also informed by the said John Gibson, that the sheriff permitted a number of persons to vote at the said election who had not taken the oath prescribed by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, agreeable to the said act, which occasioned the said John Stevens to have the majority of votes.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order of the committee,

W. H. M'PHERSON, cl.

Which was twice read.

Upon the second reading that part of the said report relating to Mr. John Mackall, Mr. Mackall withdrew. Mr. Speaker then put the question, That Mr. John Mackall, returned a delegate for Calvert county, not being a resident of that county at the time of the election, is ineligible? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Mackall be called in; and he appeared at the bar accordingly.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker acquaint Mr. Mackall with the resolution of the house, and inform him, that he is discharged from any further attendance as a member of this house; which he accordingly did.

ORDERED, That a new writ of election issue to the sheriff of Calvert county, to hold an election for one member, in the room of Mr. Mackall. Which was issued accordingly.

Upon reading that part of the said report relative to Mr. James M'Comas and Mr. William Bond, ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration on Friday next.

Upon reading that part of the report relative to Mr. Matthew Driver, and it appearing to this house, by the information of the fitting members from that county, that the said Mr. Driver desired the people not to elect him, for that he was a field officer, and would not resign his commission, and consequently could not serve them, ORDERED, That his seat be vacated, and that a new writ of election be issued to the sheriff of Caroline county for the election of a member in the room of the said Mr. Driver. Which issued accordingly.

Upon reading that part of the said report relative to the election in Talbot county, ORDERED, That the same be considered by this house on Friday the sixth day of November next.

ORDERED, That notice be given to the sheriff of Talbot county, that he attend at the bar of this house on that day, and bring with him the original poll taken at the last election for members to represent that county.

Upon reading that part of the said report relative to the election of Kent county, a petition of sundry inhabitants of that county against the election of Mr. Lethrbury was preferred and read. ORDERED, That a hearing on the said petition be had at the bar of this house on Monday the ninth day of November next, by council, if the parties choose; and that the clerk of this house do issue all such summonses as either of the parties may apply for.

ORDERED, That the sheriff of Kent county do attend at the bar of this house on Monday the ninth day of November next, and bring with him the original poll taken at the last election for members to represent that county.

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