

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782.

proceeded to the choice of a speaker, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the ballots named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that upon the ballots it appeared, that **Thomas Cockey Dey, Esq;** was unanimously chosen. The house appointed Mr. William Harwood clerk. **ORDERED,** That he qualify as such, by taking the several oaths required, subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath, that he will honestly, faithfully, and diligently, discharge the office of clerk to the house of delegates of Maryland, and that he will not reveal or disclose the secrets thereof.

The house appointed Mr. Robert Reynolds sergeant at arms, and Mr. Cornelius Mills door-keeper. **ORDERED,** That they be qualified.

ORDERED, That Mr. Brice T. B. Worthington and Mr. Chase wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that this house is met and ready to proceed on business, and to receive any thing he may think proper to lay before them.

ORDERED, That Mr. Dashiell, Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Craddock, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to examine and inspect the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeable to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government.

That Mr. Brice T. B. Worthington, Mr. Chase, Mr. Fell, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Kent, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

That Mr. Hindman, Mr. Brogden, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Done, Mr. Bond, and Mr. S. Worthington, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury and loan-office.

That Mr. Quynn, Mr. N. Worthington, and Mr. Ogle, be a committee to enquire what laws have expired, or will expire during this session, or at the close thereof.

That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Job, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. Stewart, be a committee to receive and examine any proposal for the establishment of manufactories, and to consider and report the best means for setting on foot manufactories, and promoting the trade and commerce of this state; also to enquire into and report what hath been done by those who have heretofore received encouragement for manufactories.

RESOLVED, That this house will sit during this session, for the dispatch of public business, from 9 o'clock in the morning till 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn request the reverend Mr. Gates to perform divine service every morning during this session at 9 o'clock.

The house appointed Mr. George Ranken, Mr. Archibald Golder, and Mr. John Knapp, committee clerks. **ORDERED,** That they be qualified.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 12, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. A letter of excuse from William Fitzhugh, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, was laid before the house and read. Mr. Robertson Stevens, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

ORDERED, That the following rules be observed this session:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2. If any member be absent at the hour appointed for sitting, the speaker and twenty of the members being met, he shall be fined, unless excused by the speaker, two shillings and six-pence current money for every neglect, to be deducted out of his allowance.

3. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the house rises.

4. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place, and with respect and decency address himself to the speaker.

5. No member, at the time of his speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

6. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall declare who shall speak first.

7. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave, nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

8. Any member called to order by the speaker or any member, must thereupon take his seat.

9. While the house is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

10. No