

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1785.

Mr. Peter Chaile, Mr. John Pope Mitchell, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, and Mr. William Purnell, four delegates returned for Worcester county, Mr. John Cellars, a delegate returned for Washington county, and Mr. Thomas Spigg Wootton, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, severally appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that the honourable Thomas Cockey Deye, Esq; was elected.

The house appointed Mr. William Harwood clerk. ORDERED, That he qualify as such, by taking the several oaths to the government, 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. Cornelius Mills serjeant at arms, and Mr. Charles Hogg door-keeper. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. John Seney, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Ramsey, 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.

ORDERED, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Bracco, Mr. Ridgely of William, Mr. Chase, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The house appointed Mr. Archibald Golder, Mr. William Pinkney, and Mr. Randolph Brandt Laumer, committee clerks. ORDERED, That they qualify as such, by taking the oaths to the government, subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath, that they will honestly, faithfully, and diligently, discharge the duty of committee clerks, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house of delegates, or any committee thereof, which shall come to their knowledge as committee clerks.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn request the reverend Mr. Higinbothom to perform divine service every morning during this session at nine o'clock.

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

## T U E S D A Y, November 15, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Steret, a delegate returned for Baltimore-town, and Mr. John Gale, a delegate returned for Somerset county, severally appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government took their seats in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Turner, Mr. Beall, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Digges, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Faw, and Mr. Steret, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury, and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

ORDERED, That Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Chase, be a committee to inquire what laws have expired or will expire during this session or at the close thereof, and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

That Mr. Dashiell, Mr. De Butts, Mr. Bracco, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Taney, 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.

Mr. William Somerville, a delegate returned for Saint Mary's county, and Mr. John Hoskins Stone, a delegate returned for Charles county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house.

RESOLVED, 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. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the house rises.
3. 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.
4. No member, at the time of his speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall declare which shall speak first.
6. 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.
7. Any member called to order by the speaker, or any member, must thereupon take his seat.
8. When the house is sitting, no member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.
9. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and (if desired by the speaker or any member) reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.
10. When