

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

OF THE

STATE OF MARYLAND.

NOVEMBER SESSION, 1788.

Being the FIRST SESSION of this ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, November 4, 1788.

MONDAY the third instant being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the legislature of this state, several of the members of this house accordingly met on that day, and a sufficient number of members to proceed on business not appearing, the house adjourned until this day, when the following members appeared, viz.

FOR SAINT-MARY'S county.	TALBOT county.	Mr. J. Tilghman,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sherwood,	Mr. Sewell.
Mr. Chilton,	Mr. Kerr,	WORCESTER county.
Mr. Thomas.	Mr. Chamberlaine.	Mr. J. S. Purnell,
KENT county.	SOMERSET county.	Mr. Dennis,
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Houston.
Mr. Comegys.	Mr. Polk.	FREDERICK county.
ANNE-ARUNDEL county.	DORCHESTER county.	Mr. Potts,
Mr. Harwood,	Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Faw.
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Lecompte.	HARFORD county.
Mr. Worthington.	CÆCIL county.	Mr. Norris,
CALVERT county.	Mr. Bond,	Mr. Pinkney.
Mr. Blake.	Mr. S. Miller,	CAROLINE county.
CHARLES county.	Mr. Matthews,	Mr. Edmondson,
Mr. Dent,	Mr. Bravard.	Mr. Emory,
Mr. Chapman,	PRINCE-GEORGE'S county.	Mr. Mason.
Mr. M'Pherson.	Mr. Digges,	BALTIMORE-TOWN.
BALTIMORE county.	Mr. R. Bowie.	Mr. M'Henry,
Mr. Ridgely,	CITY of ANNAPOLIS.	Mr. Coulter.
Mr. Ridgely, of William,	Mr. Quym.	MONTGOMERY county.
Mr. Deye,	QUEEN-ANNE'S county.	Mr. O'Neale,
Mr. Cockey.	Mr. Seney,	Mr. Darsey.

A sufficient number of delegates being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking, repeating and subscribing, the oath of fidelity prescribed by the act, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism.

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

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