

24. All fines imposed by the house, shall be paid to the clerk, and applied as the house shall direct.
25. The substance of all petitions, memorials, or other applications to the house, shall be entered on the journal.
26. The clerk of the house shall, on the first day of every session, put into the hands of the speaker a correct list of every matter referred from the preceding session.
27. On motion or debate, any member may call for the reading any law, journal, record, or other public proceeding, which may relate to the subject matter.
28. No member shall take out of the house any bill, or other paper belonging to the house, without leave of the speaker, under the penalty of such fine as shall be imposed by the speaker, not exceeding forty shillings.
29. No member shall nominate more than one person on any committee.
30. That all the members present shall divide on every question, unless excused by the house, or on calling of the yeas and nays his refusal shall be noted on the journal, at the request of any member.
31. When the house adjourns, every member shall keep his place until the speaker go forth.
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 9, 1791.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. M'Mechen, a delegate returned for Baltimore-town, Mr. Adam Ott and Mr. William Clagett, two delegates returned for Washington county, Mr. Benjamin Tomlinson, a delegate returned for Allegany county, Mr. Levin Denwood, a delegate returned for Somerset county, and Mr. Thomas Ringgold, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Clark, Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Barnes, Mr. Patrick S. Smith, Mr. J. Ringgold and Mr. Sherwood, be a committee of claims; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

The list of referred papers from the last to the present session, was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn inform the reverend Mr. Higginbotham that this house request he will perform divine service every morning a quarter of an hour before nine o'clock.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to continue certain causes in the high court of appeals. ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Mercer, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Seney, Mr. Wright, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. and Mr. Thomas, be a committee to inquire into, and report a statement of, the public revenue, debts and expenditures, and that they report such ways and means as may appear to them most eligible for providing for the permanent expences and present exigences of the state.

Mr. Thomas Gaunt, a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike after some time reported, that Archibald Golder, James Winchester, James O'Bryon, the third, and Ninian Pinkney, were elected. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

On motion, ORDERED, That the clerk of this house furnish the printer to the state with an accurate copy of the votes and proceedings, at least twice in every week.

ORDERED, That Mr. Winchester be called from the committee room to the table, and continue there as an assistant clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying an act may pass empowering commissioners to lay out a road from Venable's mills to Dean's landing, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lowes, Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Waggaman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Bladenburg, in Prince-George's county, praying an act may pass to prohibit swine going at large within the said town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mercer, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. and Mr. Marshall, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Horatio Johnson and Nicholas Ridgely Warfield, inspectors of tobacco at Elk-Ridge Landing, in Anne-Arundel county, praying an increase of salary, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Benjamin Nicholson, Thomas Langton, Benjamin Laming, Richard Ridgely, William Hammond, Daniel Bower and Joseph Donaldson, of Baltimore county, Hezekiah Cooper and Thomas Smyth, of Kent county, and Stephen Steward, of Anne-Arundel county, severally praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Lecompte and Mr. Goldborough, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from the governor, of this day, with a copy of the laws of the United States passed at the last session of congress, and a letter from the clerk of the senate of the United States of the 10th of March last, with a copy of the journals of the senate of the United States at their third session; which were read.