

# VOTES and PROCEEDING

## OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

## OF THE STATE of MARYLAND.

NOVEMBER SESSION, 1797.

Being the FIRST SESSION of this ASSEMBLY.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 8, 1797.

**M**ONDAY the sixth 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,

Mr. John Leigh,  
Mr. Edmund Plowden,  
Mr. Robert Greenwell.

ANNE-ARUNDEL county,

Mr. John C. Thomas,  
Mr. William Brogden,  
Edward Hall,  
Mr. Samuel Godman.

CALVERT county,

Mr. Peter Emerson,  
Mr. William D. Bromg.

CHARLES county,

Mr. Henry H. Chapman,  
Mr. John Thomas,  
Mr. Thomas Buchanan.

BALTIMORE county,

Mr. Elijah Merryman,  
Mr. James Carroll,  
Mr. John T. Worthington,  
Mr. Elias Brown.

TALBOT county,

Mr. Philemon Sherwood,  
Mr. David Kerr,  
Mr. John Harwood.

SOMERSET county,

Mr. Benjamin Jones.

DORCHESTER county,

Mr. Solomon Frazier.

CÆCIL county,

Mr. Thomas Wallace,  
Mr. Samuel Miller.

PRINCE-GEORGE'S county,

Mr. Allen B. Duckett,  
Mr. George Calvert.

CITY of ANNAPOLIS,

Mr. Allen Quynn,  
Mr. Philip B. Key.

WORCESTER county,

Mr. Ephraim K. Wilson,  
Mr. John Rackliff.

FREDERICK county,

Mr. Henry R. Warfield,  
Mr. John Thomas,  
Mr. Joshua Gift.

HARFORD county,

Mr. Nicholas D. M'Comas,  
Mr. James Bond.

CAROLINE county,

Mr. John Bennett,  
Mr. John Young.

MONTGOMERY county,

Mr. George Riley,  
Mr. Robert Swailes,  
Mr. Patrick Magruder,  
Mr. Robert P. Magruder.

ALLEGANY county,

Mr. Daniel Clarke, junior,  
Mr. Aza Beall,  
Mr. Benjamin Tomlinson,  
Mr. John Rice.

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 to support the constitution of the United States.

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 returned and reported, that the honourable James Carroll, Esquire, was elected.

The house appointed Mr. William Harwood clerk, and Mr. John Bowie Duckett assistant clerk.

ORDERED, That they qualify as such, by taking the several oaths required, subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath that they will honestly, faithfully and diligently discharge the office of clerk, and assistant clerk, to the house of delegates, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets thereof.