

The house appointed Mr. Cornelius Mills serjeant at arms, and Mr. John Trueman door-keeper. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Key and Mr. Hall wait on his excellency the governor, and inform him that this house is met, and are ready to proceed on public business, and to receive any communications he may think proper to lay before them.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to inspect and examine the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeably to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government; and that they have full power to send for persons, papers and records.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims, and upon examining the ballots it appeared, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Brogden, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Bond, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Frazier, were elected.

ORDERED, That they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

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 Mr. Samuel Maynard, Mr. Richard Key Watts, Mr. Joseph Harwood and Mr. John Francis Harris, were elected.

ORDERED, That they be qualified.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Key, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Clarke, be a committee to inquire what laws have expired, or will expire with the session.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Rackliff and Mr. J. C. Thomas, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during this session.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges beg leave to report, that in their opinion the special circumstances attending the election of delegates for the town of Baltimore require the immediate attention of this house; that by the returns made it appears, that the said election did not commence on the day appointed and directed by the constitution and form of government of this state, but commenced on Tuesday the third of October last, and was continued by adjournment for three days, and ended on Thursday the fifth of October. Your committee, on a view of the above facts appearing on the face of the return, submit to this house whether the said election was constitutionally held or not.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the election for the city of Baltimore hath been held agreeably to the constitution and form of government? Determined in the negative.

ORDERED, That the speaker issue his warrant to the commissioners of Baltimore-town for the election of two delegates to represent the city of Baltimore in the present general assembly, returnable on or before the first day of December next.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn inform the reverend Mr. Higinbothom that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house; the question was put, That the same be amended by inserting the words "the reverend Mr. Wyatt" after the word "Higinbothom?" The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Emerson,	Brown,	Miller,	Gift,	Young,	Clarke,
	Brome,	Harwood,	Duckett,	M'Comas,	Riley,	Beall,
Messieurs	Merryman,	Frazier,	Wilson,	Bond,	P. Magruder,	Tomlinson,
	Worthington,	Wallace,	Rackliff,	Bennett,	R. Magruder,	Rice.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Leigh,	Brogden,	Chapman,	Sherwood,	Calvert,	Warfield,
	Plowden,	Hall,	Thomas, Chas.	Kerr,	Quynn,	Thomas, Fred.
	Greenwell,	Godman,	Buchanan,	Jones,	Key,	Swales.
Messieurs	J. C. Thomas,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said order? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Hall,	Jones,	Duckett,	M'Comas,	P. Magruder,	Beall,
	Emerson,	Frazier,	Wilson,	Bond,	R. Magruder,	Tomlinson,
Messieurs	Brome,	Wallace,	Rackliff,	Bennett,	Clarke,	Rice.
	Harwood,	Miller,	Gift,	Young,		
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Leigh,	Brogden,	Buchanan,	Sherwood,	Quynn,	Thomas, Fred.
	Plowden,	Godman,	Worthington,	Kerr,	Key,	Riley,
	Greenwell,	Chapman,	Brown,	Calvert,	Warfield,	Swales.
Messieurs	J. C. Thomas,	Thomas, Chas.				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Martin Kerfner and Mr. Cephas Beall, two delegates returned for Washington county, Mr. Hugh Matthews, a delegate returned for Cæcil county, and Mr. Thomas Angier and Mr. Henry Page, two delegates 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.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November 9, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Joseph H. Nicholson, Mr. Charles Frazier and Mr. Gideon Emory, three delegates returned