

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

Mr. John Stuart, a delegate returned for Somerset 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.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 10, 1798.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. William Briscoe, a delegate returned for Kent county, Mr. Ephraim King Wilton, a delegate returned for Worcester county, Mr. Raphael Neale, a delegate returned for Saint Mary's county, and Mr. John Buchanan, a delegate returned for Washington 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 speaker laid before the house a letter from Elijah Merryman, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, notifying his resignation; which was read and accepted.

ORDERED, That the speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Baltimore county to elect a delegate for said county in the room of the said Elijah Merryman, returnable on or before the first day of December next.

Petitions from Clion Clements, George C. Smoot and Thomas Marshall, of Charles county, Elijah Robinson Sinners, of Baltimore city, Henry Rose, of Cecil county, Samuel Poor, of Somerset county, Daniel Amos and Bennett Johnson, of Thomas, of Harford county, Nathan G. Bryson and James Rooney, of Somerset county, Henry Gough, of Harford county, Emory Sadler, of Queen-Anne's county, and Nicholas Lynch, of Washington county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from George Parker, of Somerset county, praying that the divisional road of Somerset and Worcester counties which now runs through his lands in said counties maybe altered, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winder, Mr. Jones, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Purnell and Mr. C. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying the establishment of a new road, to lead from the main road near Samuel Green's fence until it intersects the main road leading from Little Creek towards the mouth of Rewastico near the plantation of John Killum, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of George Parker.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, stating, that a number of the inhabitants of said county who have to work and assist in keeping up Vienna Causeway are poor, and praying to be relieved from the hardships they labour under, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of George Parker.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Rachel Bosley, of Baltimore county, report, that the facts set forth in the said petition appear to them to be true and reasonable, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time; concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Tilghman, be a committee to provide tables to be used in the room of the house of delegates for the use of the members thereof.

A petition from Josiah Johnson, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, stating, that he is in arrears to the state, and praying to be released from nine per cent. due on the said arrears, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Barroll, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. James Cresap, of Daniel, a delegate returned for Allegany 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.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Hollingsworth be added to the committee of claims in the room of Mr. Nicholson, who has leave of absence.

On motion, ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred and fifty copies of the resolutions of the state of Massachusetts, communicated by the governor to this house, for the use of the general assembly.

Mr. John L. Summers, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, and Mr. Henry R. Warfield, a delegate returned for Frederick 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.

A petition from George Thistle, of Allegany county, praying the state to relinquish her right to a house and lot in the town of Cumberland, number one hundred and ninety-two, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Beall, Mr. Cresap, of Daniel, and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

The report of the committee of elections and privileges was read the second time and concurred with.

On motion, ORDERED, That the speaker of the house of delegates issue his writ of election to the sheriff of Talbot county, for the election of a fourth delegate, the said sheriff having returned three delegates duly elected, and that David Kerr and Perry Benson, Esquires, had an equal number of votes; which was issued accordingly returnable on or before the fifth of December next.