

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1803.

A petition from John M'Comas, of Harford county, praying compensation may be allowed him for damages which he sustained by reason of a public road running through his lands, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. E. Davis, Mr. Lytle and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee to bring in a bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Hatcheson, Mr. Kershner, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Rich and Mr. Muir, were elected.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 10, 1803.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate having formed a house, are ready to proceed to the business of the session. This house will sit from the hour of nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the evening.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 10, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

YOUR message of this morning we have received. A quorum of the house of delegates being also assembled, we are ready to proceed to business. The time of sitting by us is from nine o'clock in the morning till three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the eastern shore, enclosing an account of money received for college funds, a list of monies received for taxes on law proceedings, and of money levied in the several counties of the eastern shore for the use of the chief justices, and an account current with the state of Maryland; which were read and referred to the committee of claims.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 10, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have appointed Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Wilson, a committee on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as you may nominate to form a committee of both houses to compare and examine all bills from time to time during the present session as soon as they shall be severally engrossed.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

F R I D A Y, November 11, 1803.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ridgely. A letter was received from the honourable speaker, stating, that from indisposition he is unable to attend the house; which was read.

The speaker being absent from indisposition, the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro tempore, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Stephen Lowrey, Esquire, was elected. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the council, communicating an account of their proceedings since the last general assembly; a letter from Rufus King, Esquire, respecting the bank stock of this state in the bank of England; a letter from the president of the United States, requesting a return of the militia of this state; a letter from the secretary at war, respecting arms, &c. a letter from governor M'Kean, relative to the appointment of commissioners on the Susquehanna; and a letter from the council, enclosing the governor's letter of resignation, severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 10, 1803: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which were read.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee to take into consideration so much of the communications from the executive of this state, and the accompanying documents, as relate to the bank stock of this state in the bank of England; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Muir, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sudler, were elected. ORDERED, That they make report thereon.

Mr. Frazier, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and proceedings of Thomas Harwood, Treasurer of the western shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims to the 1st of November, 1802, there was a balance of 106,134 dollars and 69 cents funded six per cent. stock, 76,232 dollars and 99 cents deferred six per cent. stock, 258,799 dollars and 69 cents funded three per cent. stock, and the sum of £.24,827 14 0 $\frac{1}{4}$  specie, remaining in the treasury.