

Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> 1779

Present the same Members as on Saturday, with the Addition of Mr. Richard Gresham and Mr. John Lambert Wilmer for Kent County; Mr. Henry Ringely for Ann Arundel County; Mr. John Diggoo and Mr. Samuel Harford for Charles County; Mr. Archibald Job, and Mr. Elkhutale for Cecil County; Mr. Thomas Cochey Deye for Baltimore County; Mr. Peter Chaille for Worcester County; Mr. John Taylor for Harford County; Mr. Mark Alexander and Mr. David McMechin, for Baltimore Town; and Mr. Edward Burgess and Mr. William Bayly for Montgomery County.

A sufficient Number of Delegates to ~~convene a House~~ proceed to ~~qualify~~, 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 of Fidelity prescribed by the Act, entitled, an Act to punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of Treason. The House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and the Honorable Josias Beale was elected by Ballot.

The House appointed Mr. John Duckett Clerk

Ordered, That he qualify as such, by taking the several Oaths required by the Constitution subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion, and by taking an Oath that he will honestly faithfully and diligently discharge the Office of Clerk to the House of Delegates of Maryland and that he will not reveal or disclose the Secrets thereof

Ordered, That Mr. John Hall and Mr. John Hanson do acquaint the Governor, that there is a sufficient Number of Delegates convened to convene a House. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message.

The House appointed Mr. John Callahan assistant Clerk; Mr. Robert Reynolds Sergeant at Arms; Mr. Cornelius Mills Doorkeeper; Mr. Nicholas Harwood, Mr. William Hanson McPherson, and Mr. Archibald Holder Committee Clerks. Ordered, That they be qualified. The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock

Post Meridiam. The House met

On Motion the Question was put, That a Brigadier General or other Officer in the regular Service during the Time he holds his Commission, is eligible as Governor of the State of Maryland, being in other respects qualified agreeable to the Constitution and Form of Government?

Carried in the Negative. —

			Negative		
Mr. Marshall	Mr. Macculbin	Job	B. Hall	Taylor	Gaunt
Mr. Stevenson	Winder	E. Hall	Maguire	Hoone	Stull
Mr. Gresham	Williams	Henry	Ringold	J. Hanson	Alexander
Mr. Wilmer	Birkhead	Landford	Norris	Beatty	Bayly
J. Hall	Wood				
			Affirmative		
Mr. Hood	Mr. Ringely	Gibson	Quym	Duffin	Burgess
Mr. Jordan	Williamson	Diggoo	Chase	Driver	Crangham
Mr. Hey	Treadwell	J. Hanson	Bruff	McMechin	Woodton
Mr. Lotherbury	Archibald	Deye	Chaille		

The following Message:

By the House of Delegates November 8<sup>th</sup> 1779

May it please your Honours,  
This Day being set apart by our Constitution and Form of Government  
(for)