

17. Conferees, and Members appointed on Drafts (if required by a Member) shall be elected by Ballot, and the Number shall in no Case exceed three.
18. No Bill or Resolutions shall have a second Reading, until every Member in the City be called upon to attend, except such as caused by the House for his Absence, or necessary Attendance on the Public Business.
19. No Petition, Memorial, or other Application to the House, shall be received, unless presented by a Member.
20. On an Election to any Office of Trust or Profit, no Ballot shall be counted, unless the Person for whom the Ballot shall be given be named to the House before the Balloting be gone into.
21. All Questions of Order shall be declared by the Speaker.
22. No Motion shall be made after the Hour of Adjournment without Leave of the House.
23. Before any Person is named to any Office or Appointment, to which any Salary or Allowance is to be annexed, the Allowance or Salary shall be first ascertained.
24. No Person shall come into the House while the same is sitting, with Sword or other Weapon, under Penalty of such Fine as shall be imposed on him by the Speaker, not exceeding forty Shillings.
25. All Misdemeanors which shall happen in the House shall be censured or fined by the House.
26. If any Member depart, without Leave of the House, he shall forfeit all his preceding Allowance for his Attendance during the Session.
27. No Member shall answer on the Yeas and Nays who did not divide on the Question, and if any Member divides on one side, and on the Yeas and Nays answers on the other, it shall be so noted on the Journal.
28. All Fines imposed by the House, shall be paid to the Sergeant at Arms, and by him applied to the Expenses of his Office, and so to be accounted for.
29. The Substance of all Petitions, Memorials, or other Applications to the House, shall be entered on the Journal.
30. The Clerk of the House shall, on the first Day of every Session, put into the Hands of the Speaker a correct List of every Matter referred from the preceding Session.
31. On Motion or Debate, any Member may call for the reading any Law, Journal, Record, or other public Proceeding, which may relate to the subject matter.

The House adjourns till to-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock

Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> 1779

The House met Present as on Yesterday except Mr. Bunge. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. A Memorial of William Gibson, Clerk of Baltimore County, setting forth, that the Court House of said County, together with his Office therein, had been broke open, and the sum of three hundred and fifty seven Pounds five Shillings, which the Memorialist had received for the Use of the State for Marriage Licenses by him sold, stolen thereout, and therefore praying that he might be relieved from the payment of the above sum into the Treasury was proposed and read the first Time, and referred to the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of Thomas Brooks Hodgkin.

The Petitions brought from the Senate Yesterday by Charles Carole, Barrister, Esq. were severally read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of Walter Hanford, late Register of Wills for Charles County, setting forth that he had the said Office from the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1777 to the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1779; That the Fees arising from the Services done by him in the said Office, were not paid him, and that he was obliged to attend two Days in the Week and six Courts in the Year, Books, Paper, Fire Wood, and House Rent for an Office, so that he hath sustained a Loss of upwards of two hundred Pounds besides his personal Attendance, and therefore

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