

5th. A Committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to consist of five members.

6th. A Committee on Divorces, to consist of five members.

7th. A Committee on Special acts of Insolvency, to consist of five members.

8th. A Committee on the Militia, to consist of five members.

Mr. Banning moved to strike out that part relative to divorces. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Stevens moved the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That the speaker appoint the usual standing committees, and also a Committee on Lotteries to consist of five members.

Mr. Tyson moved to strike out that part relative to lotteries. Determined in the negative. The substitute was then adopted.

On motion by Mr. Lansdale, Ordered, That Messrs Lansdale and Banning wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of this house having formed, are ready to proceed to business, and to receive any communication he may be pleased to lay before them.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough, Ordered, That the speaker appoint a committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to draft and report to this house, the necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of business during the present session. The speaker appointed Messrs. Goldsborough, Millard and Chapman.

On motion by Mr. Turner, Ordered, That the Sergeant at Arms do procure, for the use of each member of this house, such newspapers as they may respectively direct, not exceeding one daily paper for each member.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the following message was read:

By the House of Delegates, Dec. 26, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message, informing us that your honourable body had formed a house, and are ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have also formed a quorum, and have chosen the Honourable James W. McCulloh, Speaker, and John Brewer, Chief Clerk. We concur in your proposition to sit for the despatch of public business, from ten o'clock in the morning till ——— o'clock in the evening.

Mr. Banning moved to fill the blank with 4 o'clock. Determined in the negative. The blank was then filled with 3 o'clock, and the message assented to.

The house adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, December 27, 1826.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of Monday and Tuesday were read.

The message of yesterday was sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Peach, Ordered, That the sergeant at arms procure for the use of the members of this house twenty copies of the laws and votes and proceedings of the last session.