

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, the seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the general assembly, appeared in the senate,

Messrs. LEONARD COVINGTON,
JACOB GIBSON,
STEPHEN LOWREY,
THOMAS M'ELDERRY,
JOHN PARTRIDGE,
DAVID SHRIVER,
WILLIAM SMITHSON,
WILLIAM SOMERVELL, and
WILLIAM THOMAS.

A sufficient number of members to compose a senate being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other before Richard Merriken, one of the justices of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, agreeably to the constitution and form of government.

The senate then proceeded to the election of a president, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared, that the honourable William Thomas, Esquire, was unanimously elected.

Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the honourable William Thomas, Esquire, is unanimously elected president thereof.

Mr. Thomas Rogers was appointed clerk, and Mr. James Harwood, assistant clerk, who severally qualified as such.

Mr. Edward P. Roberts was appointed messenger, and Mr. Edward Holland door-keeper, who severally qualified as such.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Partridge, Mr. M'Elderry and Mr. Somervell, be a committee to report rules and regulations to be observed in the senate.

The following message was read and agreed to.

By the S E N A T E, November 7, 1808.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

THE senate, having formed a quorum, are ready to proceed to the business of the session.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

The president laid before the senate a letter from the executive of this state relative to the purchase of arms directed by a resolution passed at November session, eighteen hundred and seven, and enclosing communications from the governor of the state of Delaware, and the governor of the state of Virginia, relative to certain amendments proposed to the constitution of the United States; also a letter from the secretary of war, relative to a requisition made by the president of the United States of the quota of militia to be furnished by this state; and on progression in reading them, the question was put, Will the senate postpone the further consideration thereof until to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 8, 1808.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Messrs. Lloyd Dorsey, Elias Glenn, Zadok Purnell and Thomas Williams, appeared in the senate, and after taking the oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of their belief in the Christian religion, and taking the oath for the support of the government of the United States, took their seats.

On motion, ORDERED. That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary in the law to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Covington, Mr. M'Elderry, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Gibson, be the said committee.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate and the mode of filling up vacancies in the body, as also the twenty-second section and such other parts of the constitution as relate to the original