

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780.

T U E S D A Y, October 31, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall. Mr. William Brogden, a delegate returned for Anne-Arundel county, and Mr. James Kent and Mr. William Bruff, two delegates returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house.

The house proceeded to the choice of a speaker, and the honourable William Bruff, Esq; was elected.

The house appointed Mr. Frederick Green clerk. ORDERED, That he qualify as such, by taking the several oaths required; 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. Lloyd and Mr. Chase wait on his Excellency the governor, and inform him that this house is met and ready to proceed on business, and to receive any thing he may think proper to lay before them. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the message.

ORDERED, That Mr. Worthington, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Craufurd, be a committee to examine and inspect the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeable to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government.

That Mr. Lloyd, Mr. F. Gaunt, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Bayly, and Mr. Potts, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

That Mr. Hindman, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Cramphin, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Ward, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury and loan-office.

That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Worthington, be a committee to enquire what laws have expired or will expire during this session or at the close thereof.

That Mr. McMechen, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Key, and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to receive and examine any proposal for the establishment of manufactories, and to consider and report the best means for setting on foot manufactories, and promoting the trade and commerce of this state; also to enquire into and report what hath been done by those who have heretofore received encouragement for manufactories.

The house appointed Mr. John Callahan assistant clerk, Mr. Robert Reynolds sergeant at arms, and Mr. Cornelius Mills door-keeper. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

RESOLVED, That the hours of sitting during this session for the dispatch of business be from nine o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three till five.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 1, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Stevenson, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, and Mr. Alexander Howard Magruder, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took their seats in the house.

His Excellency the governor communicates to the house letters from his Excellency general Washington, of the 26th of July, 27th of August, 2d and 6th of September, and 18th of October; from the committee of co-operation, of the 13th and 23d of July, and 16th and 19th of October, with sundry enclosures; from the president of congress, of the 29th of August, 3d, 10th, 12th, 20th, and 23d of September, and 3d, 6th, 7th, and 16th of October, with enclosures; from the board of war, of the 22d of July, 9th and 15th of August, 13th and 26th of September, and 17th of October; from the delegates in congress, of the 22d and 26th of September, and 3d of October; from the governor of Virginia, of the 3d and 26th of September, and 26th of October; from the governor of the Delaware state, of the 5th of August; from the president of Pennsylvania, of the 2d of August; from general Gates, of the 5th and 21st of September; from general Greene, of the 23d of July; from Timothy Pickering, of the 22d and 29th of August, 5th of September, and 1st of October; from colonel Blaine, of the 3d and 14th of August, and 20th of October; from Donaldson Yeates, of the 14th of September; from Henry Hollingsworth, of the 31st of August; from the commissioners of the tax for Somerset county, of the 8th of August; from Thomas Sprigg, of the 29th of September; from William Morris, of the 2d of October; from John Randall, of the 20th of September; from Upton Scott, of the 17th of October; and an address from the officers of the Maryland line; which were read.

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