

2 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781.

T H U R S D A Y, November 15, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. David Shriver, a delegate returned for Frederick county, and Mr. Marmaduke Tilden, a delegate returned for Kent 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 Thomas Cockey Deye, Esquire, 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.

The house appointed Mr. John Callahan assistant clerk, Mr. Robert Reynolds sergeant at arms, Mr. Cornelius Mills door-keeper, and Mr. George Ranken, Mr. William Hanson M'Pherson, Mr. Archibald Golder, and Mr. John Knapp, committee clerks. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholas Worthington, Mr. Quynn, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Ridgely, 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. Brice T. B. Worthington, Mr. Hall, Mr. Dent, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Bayly, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Allein, Mr. Brogden, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Bowie, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury and loan-office.

That Mr. Job, Mr. Duvall, Mr. S. Worthington, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Stull, Mr. Shriver, and Mr. Cadwalader, 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.

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

That Mr. Kent, Mr. Brogden, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Job, be a committee to enquire into and report the state of the public taxes, under the act passed October session, 1780, for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and more particularly the specific taxes, and what quantities have been obtained in consequence thereof, and what remains in the hands of the commissaries.

ORDERED, That Mr. Chase inform the reverend Mr. Gates, that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

RESOLVED, That this house will sit during this session, for the dispatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

ORDERED, That the following rules be observed this session:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2. If any member be absent at the hour appointed for sitting, the speaker and twenty of the members being met, he shall be fined, unless excused by the speaker, two shillings and six-pence specie for every neglect, to be deducted out of his allowance.

3. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the house rises.

4. Every member, who shall deliver his opinion or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place, and with respect and decency address himself to the speaker.

5. No member, at the time of his speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

6. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall declare who shall speak first.

7. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave, nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

8. Any member called to order by the speaker or any member must thereupon take his seat.

9. While the house is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

10. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and, if desired by the speaker or any member, reduced to writing, delivered in at the table and read by the clerk.

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