

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Key wait on his Excellency the governor, and inform him that this house is met and are ready to proceed on public business, and to receive any thing he may think proper to lay before them. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the message.

The house appoint Mr. Archibald Golder, Mr. John Knapp, Mr. William Hanson M<sup>r</sup>Pherson, and Mr. George Ranken, committee clerks. ORDERED, That they qualify.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Quynn, M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Chew, be appointed a committee of elections and privileges, and report whether they have been made agreeable to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government.

That Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Chase, Mr. Fell, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Kent, 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. Brogden, Mr. Bond, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Key, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury and loan-office.

That Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Job, Mr. Magrude, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Jackson, 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.

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

ORDERED, That the rules of last session be observed during this session, except the two following rules, viz.

12. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays may be called for by any member on any question, and the name of the member requiring them shall be entered on the journal.

13. Controversies, and members appointed on draughts, if required by a member, shall be elected by ballot, and the number shall in no case exceed seven.

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

ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn request the reverend Mr. Gates to perform divine service every morning during this session at nine o'clock.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

## P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

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

## W E D N E S D A Y, May 7, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall and Mr. Wilkinfon. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Gibson, appeared in the house. Mr. John Roberts, a delegate returned for Talbot county, and Mr. Henry Dennis, a delegate returned for Worcester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took their seats in the house.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen and Mr. Fell.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 7, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

FOR the dispatch of public business, this house hath appointed to sit during this session from nine o'clock in the morning till one o'clock in the afternoon, and from three o'clock in the afternoon till six.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from George Dent, of Charles county, setting forth, that he had his houses burnt by the enemy in 1781, and praying his taxes to be suspended, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Kent, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Keene, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, giving a further time for the payment of the taxes levied for the present year, and other purposes therein mentioned; and Mr. Key, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Forrest, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

A certificate of the qualification of the committee clerks was produced and filed.

A petition