

they have been made agreeably to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government; ~~and that they have full power to send for persons, papers and records.~~

ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Oneale, Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Quynn, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

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

ORDERED, That Mr. Faw, Mr. Seney, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Digges, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Loockerman, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

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

On motion, the question was put, That divine service be performed every morning during this session at the meeting of this house? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the reverend Mr. Higinbotham be requested to perform divine service during this session? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Norris, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Thomas,	Harwood,	Parnham,	Tilghman,	Quynn,	Taylor,
Forrest,	N. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Hayward,	Duvall,	Burgess,
R. Miller,	B. Worthington,	Chapman,	Bond,	Seney,	Oneale,
Nicholls,	Carroll,	Cockey,	Craufurd,	Brown,	Holmes.
Read,	Taney,	Sherwood,	Digges,		28.
N E G A T I V E.					
Gough,	Lecompte,	J. S. Purnell,	Scott,	Wheeler,	Hughlett,
Ridgely,	Bravard,	W. Purnell,	Norris,	Loockerman,	Cellars,
Roberts,	S. Miller,	Faw,			15.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn be requested to inform the reverend Mr. Higinbotham, that the house request his attendance.

RESOLVED, That the rules of the last session be observed during this session.

A petition from the justices of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass for erecting a poor-house in the said county, was preferred, read, and the prayer thereof granted.

Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Seney, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

T H U R S D A Y, May 15, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Gantt, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Key, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Walker, Mr. Henry and Mr. Fitzhugh, appeared in the house.

A petition from James Campbell, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that Henry Stauffer, in the year 1778, bought the following tracts of land, called Hilly Run, Hobson's Choice, Stoney Up and Down, and part of Wheeler's Lot, of John Hall, of Baltimore county, and took his deeds for the conveyance of the said lands, since which he has bought the said lands of the said Henry Stauffer, and has his deeds of conveyance for the same; but the said Stauffer and himself not knowing it was necessary to have said deeds recorded, omitted it, and praying an act may pass to confirm the said deeds; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Gough, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Benjamin Amos, of Harford county, setting forth, that he paid the treasurer of the western shore the sum of nine pounds nineteen shillings and six-pence for land warrants obtained out of the land office, which were lost by Robert Amos some time in October, 1783; by whom they were sent to receive the money, agreeably to a provision made by law for that purpose, and praying relief in the premises; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Norris, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Scott, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from David Jones and Elizabeth his wife, setting forth, that he married his late wife's sister contrary to law, and praying to be relieved from the penalty under the said law; was preferred and read.

A petition from Thomas Bardon, of Kent county, setting forth, that he contracted with doctor William Bordley, late lieutenant of Kent county, to keep and carefully preserve the fire-arms of the state, at the rate of twelve pounds per annum; that there is due to him thirty pounds, and praying to be allowed the same; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of claims to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying an act may pass empowering the trustees of the poor of said county to dispose of the lands and funds set apart for the support of the free-school, and apply the same to the relief of the poor of said county, was preferred, read the first and second time, and the prayer thereof granted.

Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Shaw and Mr. W. Purnell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition