

perusal of the members, unless on very urgent occasions the house shall, by especial order, dispense with this rule, which order shall be entered on the journal.

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

17. No bill or resolve shall have a second reading until every member of the city be called upon to attend, except he be excused by the house for indisposition, or necessary attendance on the public business.

18. No petition, memorial, or other application to the house, shall be received, unless presented by a member.

19. On an election to any office of trust or profit, no ballot shall be counted, unless the person for whom the ballot shall be given be named to the house before the balloting be gone into.

20. All questions of order shall be declared by the speaker.

21. No motion shall be made after the hour of adjournment, without leave of the house.

22. All misdemeanors which shall happen in the house, shall be censured or fined by the house.

23. No member shall answer on the yeas and nays who did not divide on the question, and if any member divides on one side, and on the yeas and nays answers on the other, it shall be so noted on the journal.

24. All fines imposed by the house shall be paid to the clerk, and applied as the house shall direct.

25. The substance of all petitions, memorials, or other applications to the house, shall be entered on the journal.

26. The clerk of the house shall, on the first day of every session, put into the hands of the speaker a correct list of every matter referred from the preceding session.

27. On motion or debate, any member may call for the reading any law, journal, record, or other public proceeding, which may relate to the subject matter.

28. No member shall take out of the house any bill, or other paper belonging to the house, without leave of the speaker, under the penalty of such fine as shall be imposed by the speaker, not exceeding forty shillings.

29. No member shall nominate more than one person on any committee.

30. That all the members present shall divide on every question, unless excused by the house, or on calling of the yeas and nays his refusal shall be noted on the journal, at the request of any member.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from his excellency the governor, of this day, with the proceedings of congress; a list of debtors who have installed their debts; a letter from the governor of Virginia, with proceedings of that state respecting the light-house on Cape Henry; a letter from the governor of North Carolina, with several amendments proposed to become part of the constitution of the United States; and a letter from Alexander Johnson, of London, medical doctor, enclosing pamphlets respecting the saving the lives of persons at the instant they are like to lose them from the effects of accident; which were read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Winder, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Leconte, be a committee of claims; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

A petition from Barbara Mumma, of Baltimore county, stating, that she intermarried with a certain David Mumma, who was possessed of a considerable real estate; that he left her in the year 1787, and went to Germany; and praying an act may pass to prevent her said husband from disposing of, or in anywise conveying, the property away to her prejudice; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. Douglass, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Gough, and Mr. Ringgold, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Bagford and Conrod Appleman, languishing prisoners in Baltimore gaol, praying to be liberated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carnan, Mr. T. Bond, Mr. Craik, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Simkins, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Easton, and other inhabitants of Talbot county, praying an act may pass to establish a market in Easton, and to regulate the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Walker, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned? Resolved in the affirmative. ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Craik, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Winder, Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. T. Bond, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Pinkney has leave of absence.

The list of papers referred from the last to the present session was read.

The letter from the governor of Virginia, referred from the last to the present session, and the resolution respecting the permanent seat of the general government, were read. ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Wednesday next.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 6, 1790.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Pinkney. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Henry Hollingsworth and Mr. Edward Oldham, delegates