

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1795.

diligently, discharge the office of clerk, and assistant clerk, to the house of delegates, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets thereof.

The house appointed Mr. Cornelius Mills sergeant at arms, and Mr. John Trueman door-keeper. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. W. Bowie and Mr. Gilpin wait on his excellency the Governor, and inform him that this house is met, and are ready to proceed to public business, and to receive any communications he may think proper to lay before them.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Key, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Ridout and Mr. Digges, be a committee to inspect and examine the returns of elections, and report whether 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.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. W. Thomas, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Reintzel, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Neale, Mr. Hall and Mr. Brown, be a committee of claims, and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Winchester, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Craig, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Ridout, Mr. Winchester, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. J. Worthington, be a committee to inquire what laws have expired, or will expire with the session.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Winchester and Mr. Parnham, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during this session.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn inform the reverend Mr. Higinbotham that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 3, 1795.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have to inform you that a quorum of the senate is assembled, and that we are ready to proceed to the business of the session.

By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk.

Which was read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 3, 1795.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have received your message of this morning, and are ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon for our hours of sitting.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 4, 1795.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. William Spencer, a delegate returned for Kent county, Mr. John Chesley, a delegate returned for Calvert county, Mr. John Roberts, a delegate returned for Talbot county, and Mr. Philemon Downes, a delegate returned for Caroline county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time reported, that Archibald Golder, Josias Wilfon King, Joseph Harwood and James O'Bryon, 3d. were elected.

ORDERED, That they be qualified.

Mr. Nicholas Day M'Comas, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

A petition from Robert Buchanan, and others, of Kent county, securities of the late collector of said county, praying they may be authorized to collect, by distress or otherwise, the balances due to the said collector, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Spencer, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Barroll, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Chesley, Mr. Mackall and Mr. Ridgely, have leave of absence. Mr. M'Mechen has leave of absence until Sunday next.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 5, 1795.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Chesley, Mr. Mackall, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. M'Mechen. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

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