

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES

OF THE

## STATE OF MARYLAND.

NOVEMBER SESSION, 1796.

Being the FIRST SESSION of this ASSEMBLY.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 9, 1796.

**M**ONDAY the seventh instant being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the legislature of this state, several of the members of this house accordingly met on that day, and a sufficient number of members to proceed on business not appearing, the house adjourned until this day, when the following members appeared, viz.

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| For SAINT-MARY's county,<br>Mr. William Thomas,<br>Mr. James Hopewell,<br>Mr. Wilfred Neale,<br>Mr. Philip Key.  | Mr. Henry Johnson,<br>Mr. Wrightson Lamdin.  | Mr. Ephraim K. Wilson.   |
| KENT county,<br>Mr. William Spitzer,<br>Mr. Robert Buchanan, junior,<br>Mr. William Barroll.                     | SOMERSET county,<br>Mr. Benjamin Jones,<br>Mr. John Wilkins.   | FREDERICK county,<br>Mr. Valentine Brother,<br>Mr. Allen Quynn, junior,<br>Mr. William Beatty,<br>Mr. David Shriver. |
| ANNE-ARUNDEL county,<br>Mr. Horatio Ridout,<br>Mr. John Chew Thomas,<br>Mr. William Brogden,<br>Mr. Edward Hall. | DORCHESTER county,<br>Mr. Solomon Frazier,<br>Mr. Levin H. Campbell,<br>Mr. Richard Goldsborough,<br>Mr. Richard Pattison. | HARFORD county,<br>Mr. Abraham Jarrett,<br>Mr. Edward Prall.   |
| CALVERT county,<br>Mr. William D. Brome,<br>Mr. William Sprigg,<br>Mr. Peter Emerson,<br>Mr. Thomas Bourne.      | CÆCIL county,<br>Mr. Levi Hollingsworth,<br>Mr. Thomas Wallact.  | CAROLINE county,<br>Mr. John Bennett,<br>Mr. John Young.   |
| CHARLES county,<br>Mr. Henry H. Chapman.   | PRINCE-GEORGE'S county,<br>Mr. Allen B. Duckett,<br>Mr. George Calvert,<br>Mr. William Baker.                              | WASHINGTON county,<br>Mr. John Cellar,<br>Mr. Thomas Bowles,<br>Mr. James M'Clain,<br>Mr. Robert Douglass.           |
| TALBOT county,<br>Mr. Philemon Sherwood,<br>Mr. John Harwood,  | City of ANNAPOLIS,<br>Mr. Allen Quynn.   | MONTGOMERY county,<br>Mr. Daniel Reintzel,<br>Mr. Elimelech Swearingen.  |
|  | QUEEN-ANNE'S county,<br>Mr. Joseph Nicholson,<br>Mr. James Brown.  | ALLEGANY county,<br>Mr. Daniel Clarke, junior,<br>Mr. Afa Beall,   |
|  | WORCESTER county,<br>Mr. James B. Robins,  | Mr. Benjamin Tomlinson.  |

A sufficient number of delegates being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking, repeating and subscribing, the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike after some time returned and reported, that the honourable Philip Key, Esquire, was unanimously elected.