

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

OF THE STATE of MARYLAND.

NOVEMBER SESSION, 1798.

Being the FIRST SESSION of this ASSEMBLY.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 7, 1798.

MONDAY the fifth 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, but a sufficient number of members to proceed to business not appearing, the house adjourned from day to day, until this-day, when the following members appeared, viz.

For SAINT-MARY's county,
Mr. John Leigh.

KENT county,
Mr. William Barroll,
Mr. Matthew Tilghman,
Mr. Robert Dunn.

ANNE-ARUNDEL county,
Mr. William Brogden,
Mr. John Worthington,
Mr. Richard H. Harwood,
Mr. Edward Hall.

CALVERT county,
Mr. Michael Taney,
Mr. William D. Brome.

CHARLES county,
Mr. Henry H. Chapman,
Mr. William H. M'Pherfon.

BALTIMORE county,
Mr. Elias Brown,
Mr. Charles Ridgely, of Wm.
Mr. James Carroil.

TALBOT county,
Mr. Philemon Sherwood,
Mr. John Edmondson.
DORCHESTER county,
Mr. Richard Pattison.

CÆCIL county,
Mr. Samuel Miller,
Mr. Thomas Wallace.

PRINCE-GEORGE's county,
Mr. Thomas G. Addison,
Mr. James A. Magruder,
Mr. George Calvert,
Mr. Allen B. Duckett.

CITY of ANNAPOLIS,
Mr. Allen Quynn,
Mr. Philip B. Key.

QUEEN-ANNE's county,
Mr. Joseph H. Nicholson,
Mr. Charles Frazier,
Mr. Thomas Wright.

WORCESTER county,
Mr. George Purnell.

FREDERICK county,
Mr. John Gwin, Jr.,
Mr. John Thomas.

HARFORD county,
Mr. Abraham Jarrett,
Mr. William S. Dallam.

CAROLINE county,
Mr. Philip Clarke,
Mr. John Young.

CITY of BALTIMORE,
Mr. Archibald Buchanan.

WASHINGTON county,
Mr. John Cellar,
Mr. Ambrose Geoghegan.

MONTGOMERY county,
Mr. Robert P. Magruder,
Mr. Elimelech Swearingen,
Mr. Geo. Riley.

ALLEGANY county,
Mr. James Cresap, of Michael,
Mr. Aza Beall,
Mr. John Simkins.

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, by 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 retired, and after some time returned and reported, that the honourable Henry Henley Chapman, Esquire, was unanimously elected.

The house appointed Mr. William Harwood clerk, and Mr. John Bowie Duckett assistant clerk. ORDERED, That they qualify as such, by taking the several oaths required, by subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath that they will honestly, faithfully and 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.