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belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath, that he will honestly, faithfully and diligently, discharge the office of assistant clerk to the house of delegates, and that he 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. Bowie and Mr. Scott wait upon 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. Nelson, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Scott, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Purnell, be a committee to inspect and examine the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeably to the constitution and form of government; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Purnell, Mr. Houston, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Stanbury, Mr. Mackall and Mr. Lowrey, be a committee of claims.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Harwood, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Quinton, 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. Holbrook, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Scott, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Bowie, be a committee to inquire what laws have expired, or will expire during this present session.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn inform the reverend Mr. Wyatt, that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of 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 sometime returned and reported, that Louis Gaffaway, Charles Gibson, Joseph Harwood, Zachariah Duvall and Lloyd M. Lowe, were elected. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 4, 1801.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The speaker laid before the house a letter from the trustee of the state of the 3d instant, enclosing an account current of funded stock to the 31st of October last, and an account current of interest and principal received on said stock; which was read.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies for the use of the general assembly.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to enable the court of appeals to continue certain causes. ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Scott and Mr. Houston, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from James Boarman, of Charles county, stating, that he is indebted to the state, and praying indulgence for the payment of the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Jones, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Ebenezer Perkins, of Kent county, Jacob Hull, of Frederick county, Samuel Marshall and John Miller, of Washington county, Levi Miller, William Selman, John Ringland and John Marky, of Frederick county, William Rowan, of Somerset county, John Johnson Sothoron, of Saint-Mary's county, Levin C. Wailes, of Prince-George's county, and Robert Anderson, of Kent county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Houston, Mr. Stanbury, Mr. Orrell, Mr. Handy, Mr. Lowrey and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.
2. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered till the house rises.
3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise, and respectfully address himself to the speaker.
4. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.
6. No member shall speak a second time until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once.