

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

MONDAY, December 2, 1816.

THIS being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the General Assembly of this state, the following members appeared, viz.

*For Saint Mary's county.*—William B. Scott, Henry Watts and Gerard N. Causin, Esquires.

*For Kent county.*—Robert Dunn, James Ringgold and Thomas Whittington, Esquires.

*For Anne-Arundel county.*—Roderick Dorsey and Thomas H. Dorsey, Esquires.

*For Charles county.*—Nicholas Stonestreet and Lawrence Posey, Esquires.

*For Baltimore county.*—George Warner, George Harryman, Abraham H. Price and Adam Showers, Esquires.

*For Talbot county.*—Edward N. Hambleton, Alexander Hands and Robert Banning, Esquires.

*For Somerset county.*—Littleton P. Dennis and Hampden Haynie, Esquires.

*For Dorchester county.*—Thomas Pitt, Benjamin W. Lecompte, Robert Hart and Edward Griffith, Esquires.

*For Cecil county.*—Lambert Beard and Philip Thomas, Esquires.

*For Prince-George's county.*—George Semmes, Esquire

*For the City of Annapolis.*—Lewis Duvall and Dennis Claude, Esquires.

*For Queen Anne's county.*—William E. Meconikin and Kensey Harrison, Esquires.

*For Worcester county.*—William F. Selby and Isaac Mitchell, Esquires.

*For Frederick county.*—Richard Potts, Joseph Taney, Joshua Howard and Ignatius Davis, Esquires.

*For Harford county.*—Samuel Bradford and John Glenn, Esquires.

*For Caroline county.*—Matthew Driver, James Houston, William M. Donald and Samuel Culbreth, Esquires.

*For the City of Baltimore.*—William Stewart, Esquire.

*For Washington county.*—John Bowles, Jacob Schnebly and Christian Hager, Esquires.

*For Montgomery county.*—George C. Washington, Esquire.

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 adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1816.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Charles Stewart, of David, Esquire, a delegate from Anne-Arundel county; John T. Stoddert, Esquire, delegate from Charles county; Francis M. Hall, Esquire, a delegate from Prince-George's county; Charles Sewell and Henry Hall, Esquires, delegates from Harford county; Thomas Kell, Esquire, a delegate from the city of Baltimore; Leonard Watkins, Zadock Lanham and Richard K. Watts, Esquires, delegates from Montgomery county; and William Ridgely, Esquire, a delegate from Allegany county, appeared, qualified and took their seats.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared, that Nicholas Stonestreet, Esquire, was elected.

The house appointed Louis Gassaway clerk, and John Stevens, jun. assistant clerk. Ordered, That they be qualified 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 duties of their respective appointments, and that they will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house of delegates.

The house appointed Cornelius Mills sergeant at arms, and Caleb Stuart door keeper. Ordered that they be qualified.

The house appointed Rinaldo Pindell, John W. Bordley, George Murdock, Marcus Latimer and Samuel Fountain, committee clerks. Ordered that they be qualified.

On motion of Mr. Bowles, Ordered, That this house sit this session for the dispatch of public business, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the evening.

On motion, Ordered, That Messrs. Lecompte and H. Hall, wait upon his excellency the governor, and inform him that a quorum of this house having formed, are ready to proceed to business, and to receive any communication he may think proper to lay before them.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the following order was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ wait upon the Reverend Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

and request him to perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house, during the session

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for appointing a printer to the state. Ordered, That Messrs. Stoddert, Lecompte and Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.