

scribing a declaration of his 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. *Ordered*, That he be qualified.

Samuel Turner, Esq. a delegate from Calvert county, and John Young and Richard Hughes Esqrs. delegates from Caroline county, appeared, qualified and took their seats.

The house proceeded to the appointment of a door-keeper, and Mr. Caleb Stewart was elected. *Ordered* to be qualified.

Nicholas Stonestreet, Esq. a delegate from Charles county, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. Quinton and Mr. Lewis Duvall inform the Rev'd. Mr. Wyatt that the house request he will perform divine service every morning, at the meeting of the house.

The house adjourns until to morrow morning 10 o'clock.

## TUESDAY, November 3, 1812.

THE House met.—Present the same members as on yesterday.—The proceedings of yesterday were read.

William B. Barney, Esq. a delegate from the city of Baltimore, John Sanders and Joshua Bond, Esqrs. delegates from Harford county, John Frey and John R. Evans, Esqrs. delegates from Cecil county, and Robert Stevens, Esq. a delegate from Queen Ann's county, appeared, qualified and took their seats.

The following message was received from the senate :

BY THE SENATE, Nov. 3, 1812.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The senate having formed a house, are ready to proceed with the business of the session. We propose to sit for the despatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning, until three in the afternoon.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to the appointment of five committee clerks; the ballots being deposited in the ballot-box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported that William Wicks, Henry Nelson, Benjamin Gray, Louis Gassaway and John Stephens were elected. *Ordered*, That they be qualified.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Young, Bowles and Blackstone, be a committee to report such rules as appear proper to be observed during the present session.

*Ordered*, That this house sit this session for the despatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning, until three o'clock in the evening.

On motion of Mr. Randall, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property in this state. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Randall, Plater, Parnham, Griffith and Thomas N. Williams be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Henry Nelson having declined serving as a committee clerk; the house proceeded to the appointment of a committee clerk, and Henry Scott was elected in the place of Mr. Nelson. *Ordered*, That he be qualified.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the papers therein referred to :

IN COUNCIL, ANNAPOLIS, November 2, 1812.

*Gentlemen,*

Since the last session of the legislature, four companies of Infantry and one of Artillery, of the quota of Militia of this State, have been called into the public service at this place, for its defence and security against the public enemy; no other call of a similar nature has yet been made by the President of the United States, upon the Executive of this State. The arsenals at Frederick-town and Easton, have been finished, and two thousand stand of new arms deposited in each. In pursuance of the provisions of an Act of Assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and eighty-two hundred stand of arms and two iron six pound field pieces have been purchased and received. One hundred brace of pistols and one hundred horseman's swords have been contracted for. All the swords and pistols that were in the arsenals of the state have been distributed among the different troops of Cavalry. A contract has also been made for the purchase of two hundred and fifty rifled one thousand knapsacks and one thousand canteens; these last mentioned articles are to be paid out of the twenty thousand dollars appropriated at the June session, for the equipment of the quota of the Militia of this State. A correspondence has been opened with the Secretary at War of the United States, upon the subject of the arms and accoutrements loaned for the use of the United States; and by his answer which will be found in the document marked [A]; the views of the general government upon that subject will be ascertained. Conformably to a resolution passed at the June session, the executive have adopted the necessary steps, with a view to ascertain the state and condition of the public arms now in the hands of the Militia; but have not yet received such information as is deemed of sufficient importance to be communicated to the legislature. 1398 stand of arms have been distributed among the Militia of the most exposed parts of the State, in virtue of the authority of the Act of Assembly, passed at the session of June last. Several communications from our sister States herewith transmitted relative to the ratification of the proposed amendment of the constitution of the United States, inhibiting the citizens thereof from accepting any title of honor or nobility from a foreign prince or power; and also a letter from the Secretary of the State of Connecticut, to the clerk of this department, proposing an exchange of laws.

The executive have thought proper to furnish out of their contingent fund, fifty blankets to the troops stationed at this place for the defence of the capital of the State; and take the liberty to suggest to the legislature, that it would be of considerable importance to the stability and efficiency