

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## SENATE.

MONDAY, the second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the general assembly; appeared in the senate,

Messrs. ELIJAM DAVIS,  
SOLOMON FRAZIER,  
THOMAS HAWKINS,

FREDERICK HOLBROOK,  
WILLIAM MACCREERY, and  
WILLIAM THOMAS,

Who adjourn until to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 3, 1812.

The same members appeared as on yesterday.

Mr. James Brown and Mr. William Hollingsworth appeared in the senate.

A sufficient number of members to compose a senate being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, before Nicholas Brewer, Mayor of the city of Annapolis; agreeably to the constitution and form of government.

The senate then proceeded to the election of a president, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof, it appeared, that the honorable William Thomas, Esq. was unanimously elected. *Whereupon*, it is declared in the senate, that the honorable William Thomas, Esq. is unanimously elected president of the senate.

Mr. Thomas Rogers was appointed clerk, Mr. James G. Davis, assistant clerk, and Mr. Henry Williamson committee clerk, who severally qualified as such.

Mr. Henry Thompson was appointed messenger, and Mr. John Sullivan door-keeper, who severally qualified as such.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk :

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 dispatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning, until three in the afternoon.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

On motion, *Ordered*, that Messrs Brown, Holbrook and Frazier, be a committee to report rules and regulations to be observed in the senate.

On motion, *Ordered*, that Messrs. Davis and Hollingsworth wait upon his excellency the governor, and inform him that the senate are in session, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to lay before them.

The clerk of the council delivers the following communication from the executive, covering the documents therein referred to.

IN COUNCIL Annapolis, Nov. 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 of 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 eight, twelve hundred stand of arms and two iron six pound field pieces have been purchased and received; one hundred brace 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 rifles, one thousand knapsacks and one thousand canteens. The last mentioned articles are to be paid for out of the twenty thousand dollars appropriated at the June session for the equipment of the quota of 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 are herewith transmitted, re-