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For the Year of our Lord,

1827,

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LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND.

In Senate.

Monday, Dec. 25th, 1826.

This being the day appointed by the constitution and form of government for the meeting of the General Assembly of Maryland they accordingly met.

All the members elect being present except Mr. Sprigg, from Washington county who it is understood declines the appointment, the members proceeded to qualify, by taking the oaths prescribed by the constitution and form of government of this state, after which the senate adjourned.

TUESDAY Dec. 26.

The senate proceeded to the choice of officers.

Edward Lloyd, Esq. was unanimously chosen President.

Upon taking the chair, Mr. Lloyd addressed the senate to the following effect.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Before taking the chair to which I have been called by your kindness, permit me to return you my sincere acknowledgments for this evidence you have given of your confidence and respect. Although, gentlemen, heretofore honored by many political appointments in the state, and although for many years conversant with the general proceedings of legislative assemblies, my attention has not been particularly directed to the duties of a presiding officer. I am therefore duly sensible that in discharging the duties incident to the senate, or to which I am now called, that I shall often require much of your assistance, and more of your indulgence. But gentlemen, while acknowledging my humble qualification to do justice to the situation in which I am placed I will not besistate to declare that if errors should occur, they will be errors of the head and not of the heart; and I pledge myself to you, gentlemen, and to my country that I will honestly exert the powers which I possess, be they what they may, to discharge with fidelity my duty to the state, or my duty to the senate.

The following officers were then unanimously chosen:

William Kilty, Esq.—chief clerk.
Joseph H. Nicholson—assistant clerk.
Isaac Hines,—committee clerk.
Andrew Slicer—messenger.
Samuel Peaco,—door keeper.

A message was sent, apprizing the House of Delegates that the senate were organized.—A similar message was received from this body.

A deputation was sent from each house apprising the executive that the branches of the legislature, respectively, were organized and prepared to receive any communication he might think proper to make. It is understood that Governor Kent will send his message this day at 12 o'clock.

The senate proceeded to the choice of Chaplain, when the Reverend Mr. Blanchard was duly elected.—Messrs. Herbert and Spence were appointed to wait on Mr. Blanchard and request his attendance accordingly.

Mr. Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Johnson, Mr. Heath and Mr. Herbert.

Adjourned.

Wednesday 27th.—A letter from Daniel Sprigg, Esq. member elect of Washington county, declining the appointment of senator, on account of private duties, &c. was read.

A report of the judges of election, in Somerset county of the votes taken in said county for and against the act providing for the public instruction of youth in primary schools, was read and referred to the house of delegates.

On motion, ordered that Messrs. Marriott, Sewell, and Whitely, be appointed a committee to examine and report the proceedings of the electors of the senate.

Messrs. Thomas, Dennis, and Reese, were appointed a committee to prepare and report rules and regulations for the senate.

Tribute of Respect.

The following resolution was received from the house of delegates, and was immediately assented to

By the House of Delegates,
December 27th, 1826.

The General Assembly of Maryland feeling the most undissembled sorrow for the irreparable loss of the illustrious Jefferson and Adams, do *Resolve unanimously*, that the chair of the president of the senate, that of the speaker of the house of delegates, and the chair of the governor in the council chamber, be covered with black during the remainder of the present session of the general assembly, By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

The clerk of the council delivered a message from his excellency the governor, which was read.

Adjourned.

Thursday, Dec. 28.

The president anounced the appointment of the following committees:

On bills relating to *Out Pensions*—Messers. Harrison, Heath and Sewell.

On *Insolvent Bills*, Messrs Johnson, Whitely and Forrest.

On *Divorce Bills*—Messrs Sewell, Spence and Reese.

On *Ways and Means*—Messrs Thomas, Dennis, Nelson, Heath and Harrison.

On *Internal Improvement*—Messrs Nelson, Herbert, Reese, Forrest and Johnson.

On *Pensions and Revolutionary Claims* Messrs Herbert, Thomas and Marriott.

On *Invalid Deeds*—Messrs Dennis, Spence and Johnson.

On *Engrossed Bills*—Messrs Marriott, Whitely, Sewell, Harrison and Nelson.

Mr. Sewell offered a message to the house of delegates, proposing and interchange of services of the chaplains, which was assented to.

Mr. Marriott delivered a report from the committee upon the proceedings of the electors of the senate, specifying the returns of their election; which was concurred with.

Mr. Nelson had leave to reported a bill respecting usury; a bill to provide for making several turnpike roads, and for the extension of the charters of the several banks therein mentioned, and a bill to alter the time of holding the county court of Frederick county.

Mr. Spence had leave and reported a bill to change the name of Thomas Littleton Robbins, infant son of James B. Robbins, of Worcester county.

Mr. Harrison had leave to report a bill to repeal the act of last session, relating to amerciaments, and taxing of plaintiffs.

Mr. Thomas' message respecting printing, was amended so as to propose a committee of the same number on the part of the senate with that of the house, in which form it was assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Monday, Dec. 25.

Thirty eight members appeared and answered to their names. This being the Christian anniversary, the members adjourned without proceeding to business.

Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Seventy six members appeared, answered to their names and proceeded to qualify, by taking the oaths prescribed by the constitution of the state.

On motion of Mr. Tyson, the house proceeded to the choice of a speaker.

James W. M'Culloh was nominated by Mr. Barnes, and

John G. Chapman was nominated by Mr. Edward Hughes.

On counting the ballots, the votes were:

For J. W. M'Culloh,	46
For J. G. Chapman,	28

On being conducted to the chair, Mr. M'Culloh made a very appropriate address to the house, acknowledging his sense of the honor conferred upon him.

On motion of Mr. Turner; the house proceeded to the choice of a chief clerk.

John Brewer, esq. was put in nomination by Mr. Turner, and Louis Gassaway, esq. by Mr. Crabb.

On counting the ballots, there appeared,

For John Brewer,	59
For Louis Gassaway,	16

On motion of Mr. Peach, the house proceeded to the choice of the assistant clerk.

Gideon Pearce, esq being the only person put in nomination it was thereupon ordered that Gideon Pearce be considered as elected.

On motion the house proceeded to the choice of a sergeant at arms.

G. I. Grammar, Richard Williams, Samuel Lucas and Abm. H. Price were severally nominated.

The votes were

For G. I. Grammer	30
Richard Williams	24
A. H. Price	11
S. Lucas	10

On motion it was ordered that John Quinn be considered as door keeper, no other person being nominated.

A motion to reconsider the vote was made, but negatived.

The house proceeded to the choice of committee clerks.

On motion of Mr. Turner, resolved, that the three persons residents of the Western Shore, & the two persons residents on the Eastern Shore, having the greatest number of votes be considered as duly elected.

On counting the ballots it appeared that Benjamin Seegar, Jacob A. Smith, James H. Milbourne, David Ridgely and George A. Farquhar were duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, ordered, that Messrs. Nicholson and Peach, be a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Charles A. Davis, and request his attendance on the House every morning to perform divine service.

On motion of Mr. Boon, ordered, that this house in respect to the memory of Joseph Mann, John C. Cockey and John R. Pitt, Esqs. deceased, members elect, for Kent, Frederick and Dorchester counties, wear crape on their left arm, for thirty days.

Ordred, that the Speaker be requested to issue warrants to the sheriffs of Kent, Frederick and Dorchester counties, for elections to supply the vacancies occasioned by the death of Joseph Mann, John C. Cockey and John R. Pitt, Esqs. members elect and returned from those counties.

Mr. Teackle offered resolutions for appointing the usual standing committees of the house.

Mr. Banning moved to strike out the committee on Divorces.

When Mr. Banning made the motion to strike out the committee of divorces, he said, 'Mr. Speaker I doubt the policy of this house organizing to grant divorces.—It is true, sir, we are always in order to hear petitions, but let all petitions for divorces be refered to a select committee. Perhaps, sir, I may travel a little out of order to ask, what right has this house to annul a contract between individuals, let it be of whatever nature it may, and more especially for any little diference between man and wife, I do not wish sir to give any encouragement to those petitions; but if the order now before the house, is adopted, it is encouraging or holding out to the people of Maryland, that we are organized to grant divorces; I wish to put a stop to this business; and I hope the house will sustain me.'

The motion was opposed by Mr. Barnes, Mr. Banning made a reply in support of his motion, and on the question, it was negatived.

Mr. Stevens moved a substitute for Mr. Teackle's resolution, proposing that the Speaker appoint the usual standing committees, with the addition of a committee on lotteries.

Mr. Tyson moved to strike out that part relative to lottery commisioners. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Stevens' substitute was adopted.

Mr. Lansdale and Mr. Banning were appointed to wait upon his excellency the Governor, and inform him that the house was in session & prepared to receive any communication he might be pleased to make.

Messrs. Goldsborough, Millard and Chapman, were appointed a committee to draft and report rules and regulations for the house.

On motion of Mr. Turner, ordered, that the Sergant at arms procure for the use of each member of this house, such newspaper as they may respectively direct, not exceeding one daily paper for each member.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The Speaker announced the following

COMMITTEES.

Of Ways and Means.—Messrs. Chapman, Hall, Teackle, Striker, Wilmer, E. Hughes, Kent.

Of Grievances and Courts of Justice.—Messrs. Tyson, Tidball, Dennis, Peach, Speed, Goldsborough, Boon.

On Claims—Messrs. Barnes, Stevens, Montgomery, Somerville, Keene, Done, Price.

On Elections &c.—Messrs. Sappington, J.W. Thomas, Hope, Ridgely, S. R. Smith, Bennett, R. Thomas.

On Insolvencies.—Messrs. Brooke, Gibbons, Gough, Brown, Norris, Hitch, King.

On Pensions.—Messrs Farquhar, Beall, Nicholson, Rogerson, Moffit, Armstrong, Saulsbury.

On Militia.—Messrs. Duvall, Chapman, Thompson, Millard, Banning, Landsdale, Fitzhugh.

On Divorces.—Messrs. Buchanan, Hawkins, Winchester, Harlin, Farquhar, Ridgaway, Peter.

On Lotteries.—Messrs. Stevens, Compton, Campbell, Mordecai Smith, Teackle.

On motion of Mr. Peach, the sergeant at arms was instructed to procure twenty copies of the laws and journals of last session for the use of the house.

Mr. J. W. Thomas had leave to report a bill for changing the constitution, as relates to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, and to give to each county, and to the city of Baltimore, one senator, to be elected immediately by the people.

Mr. Bennett had leave to report a bill respecting crimes and punishments.

Mr. Stricker had leave to report a bill to alter the constitution, so as to increase the delegation of the city of Baltimore, to the same number as from each county of the state.

Mr. Tyson had leave to report a supplement to the act incorporating the Susquehannah and Patapsico Canal Company.

Mr. Peach had leave to report a bill to repeal the act of last session, repealing the tax on amerciaments, and substituting a tax on plaintiffs.

Mr. Duvall had leave to report a supplement to the act to provide for the public instruction of youth in this state.

On motion of Mr. Teackle, Messrs. Teackle, Moffit, Brooke, Barnes, Speed, E. Hughes and Duvall, were appointed a committee of Public Instruction, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to education.

Mr. Tyson proposed the message to the senate repecting a tribute of respect to Jefferson and Adams, for which see senate proceedings.

Mr. Bennett had leave to report a bill to change the constitution in relation to the delegation from the counties and the city of Annapolis.

Mr. Ridgeway had leave to report a bill to confirm the act of last session, for changing the constitution, so that the governor shall be elected by the people, and to abolish the council.

Mr. Turner had leave to report a bill for extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in this state.

On motion of Mr. Millard, ordered, that the treasurer report to this house such information as he may possess relative to lands claimed by the soldiers of the Maryland line.

The clerk of the council delivers a message from his excellency the governor—which was read, and 300 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Banning, ordered, that Messrs Banning, Barnes, Gibbons, Speed and Goldsborough, be a committee to examine into the condition of the library of this house, to suggest some mode for the the preservation of the books belonging thereto, and to make report thereof.

Ordered, that the chief clerk direct two of the committee clerks to make out a list of the books, &c.

Mr. Goldsborough had leave to report a bill for repealing the act of 1824, directing the judges of the 4th judicial district to set apart certain days for the transaction of chancery business, so far as the same relates to Dorchester county.

United States Lands for Education.

Mr. Bennett offered the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, the government of the United States have in various instances appropriated for the promotion of public instruction in many of the states, large tracts of the public lands. And whereas, the state of Maryland was one of the original thirteen states, which so liberally expended the blood and treasure of their citizens in that glorious contest that gave freedom to this favored land, Therefore,

Resolved, That the state of Maryland is justly entitled to a fair and equitable portion of the public lands, of the United States, for the purposes of General Instruction and Education.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in Congress, be requested to use their best efforts to obtain for the state of Maryland a grant of lands for the above purpose.

Resolved, That his Excellency the governor be requested to transmit to each of our senators and representatives in Congress a copy of the preceding preamble and resolutions.

Thursday, Dec. 28.

On motion of Edward Hughes, leave given to report a bill, directing the manner of setting disputes relative to officers fees and for other purposes. Messrs. Edward, Hughes, Millard and Chapman, committee.

U. S SENATOR.

Mr. Stricker, proposed the following message:

By the House of Delegates,
December 28, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate—The term of service for which the Hon. Samuel Smith, has been elected, as one of the Senators to represent the State of Maryland, in the Senate of the United States, will expire on the third day of March next. As it is incumbent upon the Legislature during the present session to supply the vacancy which will at that time occur, we propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, on *Wednesday next*, at 12 o'clock, to proceed to the discharge of that duty, agreeably to the constitution of the United States, and the provisions of an act of Assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and nine, entitled "An act to fix the mode of electing senators to represent the state, in the senate of the United States."

Some debate occurred upon the message in which Messrs. Goldsborough, Campbell, Duvall, and Brooke, opposed the period proposed in the message, for going into the election. Mr. Farquhar and Mr. Stevens, made some observations in favor of the proposition.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, the message was postponed to the second Tuesday of January next.

Mr. Peach reports a bill, for repealing the act of last session, laying a tax on plaintiffs.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, to aid free persons of colour in emigrating to Liberia. Committee, Messrs. Barnes, Millard, Sutton, Hartlecastle and Jones.

Mr. Thompson had leave to report a bill, for the more speedy collection of small debts out of court. Committee, Messrs. Thompson, Saulsbury, Compton, Barnes, Gantt, and Jno Hughes.

Mr. Buchanan obtained leave to report a bill for regulating divorces, referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Hope submitted an order respecting the Belle Air Academy.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the following message was read assented to, and sent to the senate.

By the House of Delegates, December 28th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

A vacancy having occurred in each of the offices of Register of Wills for Washington and Saint Mary's counties, which having been temporarily supplied by the executive until the meeting of the general assembly, we propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to proceed to make those appointments to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

We have named Messrs. Hall and Hawkins to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body to count the ballots and report thereon

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, reported rules for the house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

By the Senate, Dec. 27, 1826.

Gentlemen of the house of delegates.

The senate have received your message of to day, proposing to appoint a joint committee, from the two houses to contract for the printing of the laws, which may be passed, and all other printing which may be required by the legislature during its present session, and concur in the object thereof, but have appointed a committee of an equal number with that appointed on the part of your house consisting of Messrs. Thomas, Forrest, Nelson, Dennis and Reese.

By order, Wm. Kilty, Clk.

On motion of Mr. Farquhar, a resolution passed, directing the treasurer to pay the members of the electoral college, and the members of this legislature, such sums as may appear respectively due to them.

Mr. Speed had leave to report a bill, to repeal the act laying a tax on certain offices. Committee, Messrs. Speed, Gantt and Peach.

Mr. Gantt had leave to report a bill to establish election district courts, in this state. Committee, Messrs Gantt, Stevens, Millard, Teackle, and Moffit.

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