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At a Meeting of the General Assembly begun and holden at Jacksonburgh on Tuesday the eighth day of January One

thousand Seven hundred and eighty two.

His Excellency the Governor and Members of the Privy Council being of opinion that the Safety & Welfare of the state made it necessary a Legislature should be convened, And there being no Legislative Body in existence, his Excellency by virtue of the Powers and Authority Vested in him by an Ordinance of the late General Assembly entitled "an Ordinance for the better Defence and Security of this state, during the recess of the General Assembly" passed the day of February One thousand Seven hundred and eighty, with the Advice and Consent of Council, on the twentieth day of November, One Thousand seven Hundred and eighty one, Issued Writs of Election for the several Parishes and Districts in the State directed to certain Commissioners for the electing on the Seventeenth and eighteenth days of December then next, Members of the Honble the Senate, and also of the House of Representatives, to meet in General Assembly on the eighth day of January One thousand seven hundred and eighty two, In consequence of which after due and legal notice given Elections were held as directed by the Writs, And the Gentlemen whose names are here under mentioned vizt.

Mr. Ferguson
Doctr. Ramsay
Geo. Livingston
Mr. Ed. Rutledge
John Owen
Ralph Izard
Mr. Joseph Slann
Geo. Livingston
Hugh Rutledge
Rd: Hutson
Thos. Shubrick
John Kean

James Postell & Mr. George Flagg—being some of the Members elected for the House of Representatives met, and there not being a sufficient number to make a House, the Members present proceeded to the choice of a Chairman and Mr. Hugh Rutledge being Chosen, took the Chair accordingly, And Adjourned the House

till to morrow morns. 10. °Clock

Wednesday the 9th.

The House met according to Adjournment

Present

Mr. Chairman

Mr. Ferguson

Mr.. Shubrick Mr Keane Col. Wilkinson Mr. Burke

Mr. Ed: Rutledge

· Mr. Chairman adjourned the House till tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Thursday the 10th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr, Chairman

Mr. Ferguson

Mr. Burke

Doct^r. Ramsay

Gen! Huger

Mr. Ed. Rutledge Mr. William Reid

And then Mr. Chairman Adjourned the House till to morrow 12 o'Clock

Friday the 11th.

The House met according to Adjournment,-

Present Mr. Chairman

Mr. Ferguson

Mr. Charles Dupont

Mr. Rd. Hutson Mr. Shubrick, and

Mr. Slann

And then Mr. Chairman Adjourn'd the House till tomorrow 12 'oclock-

Saturday the 12th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr. Chairman

Doctr. Ramsay

Mr. Wm. Robison

Mr. Thomas Jones

Mr. Henry Felder Mr. Geo. Rennison Mr. Chairman then Ad-

Mr. Burke

journed the House to Monday next 10 'oclock,

Monday the 14th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr. Chairman

Mr. Richd. Hutson

Colo. Beard

Maj^r Vanderhorst Mr. Skirving Majr. Boquet Mr. Livingston

Mr. Chairman then Adjourn'd

the House till tomorrow 10, oClock.

Tuesday the 15th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr. Chairman

Mr. Ferguson Mr. Izard Doctr. Ramsay

Mr. Rd. Hutson Mr. Burke

Col^o. Grimke

Mr. Chairman Adjourned the House till tomorrow 11 o'clock

Wednesday the 17th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr. Chairman

Colo, Wilkinson

Mr. Glen Drayton

Mr. Ferguson

Gen!. Huger

Mr. Rd. Hutson

Mr. Skirving

M'. Chairman adjourned the House till tomorrow morns. 10. o'Ck

Thursday the 17th.

The House met according to Adjournment, there being a sufficent Number of Members to make a House, whose names are hereunder mentioned vizt,

Doctr. Ramsay	M ^r . Burke	Mr. Gibbes
Mr. Thos. Jones	Mr, John Owen .	Col. Grimke
Mr. Beresford	Mr. Dan!. Stevens	Mr Charles Warham
Mr. Hugh Rutledge	M ^r John Berwick	Majr. Vanderhorst.
Mr. Jas Vanderhorst	Mr. W Scott	Mr Clements Brown
Mr. Gab!. Guignillatt	Mr Jno. Frierson	Mr. Alexr Broughton
Mr. Rd Hutson	Majr Petr. Boquet	Genl. Huger
Mr. T. Waring Sr.:	Mr. Ralph Izard,	Mr. George Flagg
Capt Shubrick	Mr. Ferguson	Col: Wilkinson
Capt. Joseph Slann	Mr. Geo. Levingston,	Mr. James Postell Jun.
Mr. Rd. Singleton	Mr. Wm. Skirving,	Mr: Joseph Glover
Mr Glen Drayton	Mr. Jnº. Kean	Capt: Alext. Mc.Gregor
M ^r . Henry Hughes	M ^r . Lewis Miles	Mr Mark Huggins Sen'.
Capt. Wm. Mc.Cottery	Mr. Charles Dupont,	Mr James Moore
Colo. Wm. Stafford	Mr. Jno. Moore	Mr. Thos Cater
Mr. Thos Hutson	Mr. Jas. Smith	Doctr. Aaron Gillet
Mr. Andw. Postell	Mr. John Palmer Jr.	Colo. Richd. Richardson
Mr. John James of Santee	Colo Jonas Beard,	M ^r . Joseph Culpepper

Col^o. David Glynn Capt. Mich1 Leitner. Mr. George Ruff Capt. Jno. Wylds Colo. Jno. Thomas Jr. Mr Sam! Mc. Junkin Colo. Jos. Kirkland Col Heny. Hunter Mr: Wm. Reeves Mr. Wm Kirkland Majr: Rob' Lyall Mr: Wm. Read Mr. Will Myddleton Mr Rd: Andw. Rapley, Capt: Henry Felder Mr. Robert Lark Mr Geo: Rennison Mr: Will Robison, Mr Jno. Parkinson Mr. Wm. Dunbar, Mr John Collins respectfully took the oath of qualification as directed by Law, and the oath of allegiance and Fidelity agreeable to the Consti-

The House then proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, upon casting up the Ballots it appeared M^r. Hugh Rutledge had a Majority of Votes And was declared duly Elected, M^r. Speaker elect was accordingly conducted to the Chair,

There not being any Candidate for the Clerkship of this House, the House requested that some one of the Members wou'd keep the Journals, untill a proper person cou'd be procured, Mr. John Berwick tender'd his Services, for the present, to the House, and they were accepted,—

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Messenger and Door-keeper, upon Casting up the Ballots, it appear'd that Mr. John Pritchard was duly elected and took the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office,—

Mr. Edward Rutledge, return'd as a Member for the Parishes of Saint Philip and Saint Michael attended, and being called in was asked by Mr. Speaker whether he was ready to qualify

Answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Burke was desired to administer to him the Oaths of Qualification and allegiance,—Mr. Burke reported that he administred the same, and then Mr. Edward Rutledge took his Seat as a Member of this House accordingly,—

A Motion was made and Seconded that a Committee on Privileges and Elections be appointed,—

Ordered, That the following Gentlemen be of the Committee vizt.

 Mr. Izard
 Mr. Ferguson
 Capt. Leitner

 Doer Ramsay
 Mr. Chr. Dupont
 Colo. Kirkland

 Mr. Berwick
 Mr. Jno. Palmer, Jr.
 Mr. Rapley

 Mr. Skirving.
 Colo Jno, James
 &

 Colo Beard
 Mr. Felder

A Motion was made an seconded that a Committee be appointed to draw up Rules and Orders to be observed by the Members of the House of Representatives,—

Ordered-

That the following Gentlemen be of the Committee and to report tomorrow Morning vizt.

Mr. Edward Rutledge

Mr. Izard

Mr. Richd. Hutson

A Motion being made and seconded that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Sketch of such Business as may be necessary to be taken into the Consideration of the House, during this Session

Ordered

That the following Gentlemen be a Committee for that purpose vizt

Doctr. Ramsay

Mr. Ferguson Mr Richd, Hutson Mr. Edwd, Rutledge & Mr. Burke. & Order'd to sit this Evening.—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor acquainting him that the House had made choice of a speaker and were ready to proceed on such business as His Excellency might have to lay before them,—

Ordered

That Mr. Burke and Colo. Grimke do wait on His Excellency with the Message.—

Mr. Burke reported that Colo. Grimke and himself had delivered the Message they had in charge, and that his Excellency was pleased to return for answer, that the House shou'd hear from him as soon as a House of Senate was made,—

The House then Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 O'Clock

Friday the 18th.

The House met according to Adjournment,

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings.

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House that several Gentlemen attended at the door, who were returned to Serve as Members of the House, and desired to know whether they shou'd be call'd in, and asked if they intended to Qualify,—

Ordered .-

That they be called in, and the following Gentlemen vizt. Mr. Tristram Thomas, Mr. Philip Pledger, Mr William Dewit, Mr. William Pegues, Mr. James Bradley, Mr. John Gamble, Mr. Solo-

mon Milner, Col^o. William Henderson, M^r. Thomas Potts Maj^r. John James, M^r. John M^o. Cauley, M^r. John Baxter and M^r. James. Thompson being called in were severally asked by M^r. speaker if they were ready to qualify for the several Parishes & Districts for which they were respectively chosen, & being answered in the affirmative,—M^r. Burke was desired to Administer to them the Oaths of Qualification and Allegiance,

Mr. Burke-

Reported that he had administered the same and they took their seats accordingly as Members of this House,—

Mr. Edward Rutledge-

Reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Rules and Orders to be observed by the Members of the House, He read his Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table

Ordered,

That the report be taken into Consideration immediately, Each Rule being then read and the question put on them respectively by M^r. Speaker, they were unanimously agreed to,—

Ordered-

That the rules be fairly engrossed and Affixed to the Wains cott,—1

Ordered.-

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same,—

A Motion was made, and Seconded for leave to bring in a Bill for repealing an Act which makes paper Currency or Bills of Credit a legal Tender &ca.

Ordered,-

That Mr. Burke have leave to bring in a Bill for that purpose,

Mr. Burke brought in according to Order a Bill and he read the Title of the Bill in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table,—

The Bill for repealing an Act, which makes Paper Currency or Bills of Credit a legal tender &ca. was read a first time.

Ordered That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow,

A Motion was made and seconded, that Mr. Stevens and Mr. Scott be appointed Cashiers to this House,—

The journal did not state at the outset in what building in Jacksonborough the House met, but as it had a wainscott it must have been a dwelling or a church. There were no public buildings then in the village.