

JOURNAL
OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BISHOPS, CLERGY AND LAITY,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
IN A
CONVENTION,

HELD IN

**The City of New York, from Tuesday, September 11th, to
Wednesday, September 19th, 1792.**

LIST OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE
HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

From the State of Rhode Island.

Rev. John Bowden,
Samuel Marsh, Esquire.

From the State of Connecticut.

Rev. Abraham Jarvis, D. D.
Philip Nichols, Esquire,
Thomas Belden, Esquire.

From the State of New York.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D.
Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D.
Rev. Thomas L. Moore,
Rev. Richard C. Moore,
Aquila Giles, Esquire,
Dr. Samuel Martin.

From the State of New Jersey.

Rev. Uzal Ogden,
Rev. William Frazer,
Rev. Henry Waddell,
Hon. Robert Morris, Esquire,
Colonel Samuel Ogden,
John De Hart, Esquire.

From the State of Pennsylvania.

Rev. William Smith, D. D.
Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D.
Rev. Joseph Pilmore,
Rev. Elisha Rigg,
John Campbell, Esquire.

From the State of Delaware.

Rev. John Bisset.

From the State of Maryland.

Rev. John Bowie, D. D.
Rev. Joseph G. J. Bend,
Rev. John Coleman,
Colonel John Weems,
Major James Lloyd,
Dr. John Hindman,
Mr. James Howard.

From the State of Virginia.

Rev. Samuel S. McCroskey,
Robert Andrews, Esquire.

From the State of South Carolina.

Rev. Thomas Frost.

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NEW YORK, Tuesday, September 11th, 1792.

CLERICAL and Lay Deputies from the churches in several of the states assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and, after prayers read by the Rev. Thomas L. Moore, judging it proper to wait for the arrival of the Deputies from other churches ;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The members met and attended divine service performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Madison and Rev. Dr. Magaw, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Seabury.

After the congregation was dismissed, the members assembled, the Rev. Dr. Smith, the President of the last Convention, in the chair.

The Rev. John Bisset was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The members proceeded to choose by ballot, a President of the house : and the Rev. Dr. William Smith was elected.

They then proceeded to choose a secretary by ballot ; and the Rev. John Bisset was elected.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Ogden, and Major Lloyd, be a committee to examine the credentials of the members, and report thereon.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Moore, Mr. Andrews, Rev. Mr. Frazer, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Marsh be a committee to report rules of order.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this house be given to the Right Rev. Dr. Seabury, for his sermon delivered this day in Trinity Church, and that the Rev. Dr. Beach and Robert Andrews, Esquire, be appointed to present the thanks of this house, and to request a copy of the sermon for publication.

Ordered, That the Rev. Dr. Beach inform the house of Bishops, that this house is now organized, and ready to proceed to business, and to receive any communications from them, and to propose 10 o'clock A. M. as the stated hour of meeting.

The Bishops informed the house by their Secretary, that they agree to the hour of ten as the time of meeting.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, 10 o'clock A. M.

The Rev. John Bisset read prayers.

Ordered, That the Rev. Mr. Ogden inform the Bishops, that seats are prepared for their accommodation on the right hand of the chair, whenever they may choose to be present at the debates of the house.

The Rev. Dr. Beach, from the committee on the credentials of the members, brought in a report which was read and concurred with.

Resolved, That no person shall be capable of acting as a member of the house of deputies, under the deputation of more than one convention.

In consequence of this resolve, the Rev. John Bisset, who had been reported as elected by the churches in Maryland and Delaware, took his seat as representative of the church of Delaware.

The Rev. John Bowden and Samuel Marsh, Esquire, two of the deputies from the church in Connecticut, having produced a testimonial of their appointment by the church in Rhode Island, took their seats as representatives of that church.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, from the committee for framing rules of order, brought in a report.

Ordered, That it be read.

Ordered, That it be read a second time, and considered by paragraphs.

Accordingly it was read and considered; and the following rules were adopted and ratified:—

I. The business of every day shall be introduced by prayers.

II. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

III. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

IV. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

V. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the House.

VI. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session.

VII. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

VIII. Every member who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

IX. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing, when required.

X. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

XI. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

XII. When the Convention is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leave the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Magaw obtained leave of absence till Saturday morning.

Resolved, That the house now go into a committee of the whole on the state of the church; Rev. Dr. Moore in the chair.

The committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Uzal Ogden read prayers.

It appearing to the Convention, that the church in the state of Rhode Island had not acceded to the constitution, but that the deputies from the church in Connecticut were vested by the said church in Rhode Island with full powers to act in all things on their behalf;

Resolved, That the Deputies from the church in Connecticut are authorized to accede to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in the name and behalf of the church in the state of Rhode Island.

Accordingly, the Clerical and Lay Deputies from the church in Connecticut, subscribed the constitution in the name of the church in Rhode Island.

Satisfactory documents having been laid before the convention, of the appointment of the Rev. Thomas J. Claggett, D. D. to the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Maryland, and also a testimony of the convention of the church in that state, in the form prescribed by the canon;

Resolved, That this house do now proceed to sign the testimony in such cases required from the General Convention.

Accordingly, the said testimony was signed by all the members, and delivered to the Deputies from the church in Maryland, to be presented to the Rev. Dr. Claggett.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Moore and Colonel Giles, be a committee, to request of the Mayor and Aldermen of New York, the use of two apartments in the City Hall, for the accommodation of the Convention.

The house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the church.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, from the committee of the whole, reported, that a motion for ratifying the proposed amendment of the constitution, by which the House of Bishops would be invested with a negative upon the proceedings of the other house, was negatived.

The Rev. Mr. Waddell obtained leave of absence for to-morrow. Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Joseph Pilmore read prayers.

The Rev. Dr. Moore reported, that the Mayor and Aldermen had granted the use of two apartments in the City Hall for the accommodation of the two Houses of Convention.

The house adjourned to the City Hall.

Ordered, That Major Lloyd inform the House of Bishops, that this house request a conference with them on the general state of the church, and propose that the Bishops appoint the time and place for holding such conference.

The Rev. Richard C. Moore obtained leave of absence till Monday morning.

It was moved to concur with the resolve of the committee of the whole, on the question respecting the bishops' negative.

The previous question was then moved—Shall the motion for concurrence be now put, and determined in the negative.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be made known to the several state conventions, that it is proposed to consider and determine, in the next General Convention, on the propriety of investing the house of bishops with a full negative upon the proceedings of the other house.

The house received from the house of bishops, alterations of the office of consecrating bishops, and information that they agreed to enter immediately into conference with the Clerical and Lay Deputies in their house.

The house went into conference with the house of bishops.

After the conference, in which the expediency of considering the articles of religion at this time was discussed,

Resolved, That, as the churches in some of the states are not represented in this Convention, and others only partially, the consideration of the articles of religion be postponed until the next General Convention.

The office of consecration, as altered by the house of bishops, was taken up and read.

It was read a second time, and considered by paragraphs.

Resolved, That it be agreed to and passed.

The house received information from the house of bishops, that they had examined and approved the testimonials of the Rev. Dr. Claggett, bishop elect of the church in Maryland; and that they had appointed half after ten o'clock on Monday morning, as the time for his consecration.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday morning.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Dr. Smith read prayers:

The house adjourned to attend divine service in Trinity Church, on occasion of the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Claggett, bishop elect of the church in Maryland.

After divine service the house met.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this house be given

to the **Rev. Dr. Smith**, for his sermon delivered this day in **Trinity church**, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

Resolved, That a message be sent to the **House of Bishops**, requesting a conference with them at half after nine o'clock to-morrow.

This message was carried by **Major Lloyd**, who returned and informed the house, that the **Bishops** agree to meet the house at the hour proposed.

A letter and copy of proceedings of the **Clergy and Laity** of the church in **North Carolina** were laid before the house, expressing their approbation of the proceedings of the last **General Convention** held in **Philadelphia**, and their willingness to accede to the **Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America**.

Ordered, That they be preserved by the **Secretary** among the **Records of the House**.

A letter was received from **Mr. Parry Hall**, **Printer in Philadelphia**, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The **Rev. Mr. Rigg**, and **Rev. Mr. Bend**, obtained leave of absence for the remaining part of the session.

The **House** received from the **House of Bishops**, alterations of the form and manner of ordering **Priests**, which were read.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The **Rev. Dr. Smith** read prayers.

The form of ordering **Priests** was again read and considered by paragraphs, and with two amendments, was passed.

Ordered, That the **House of Bishops** be informed thereof by **Mr. Bisset**; who returned, and reported, that they concurred with the amendments proposed by this **House**.

The **House** went into conference with the **House of Bishops** on the state of the church.

When the **Bishops** withdrew, the **President** reported, that the two **Houses** had agreed to appoint a joint committee to compare the printed edition of the book of common prayer with the original acts of the last **General Convention**, where they may judge it necessary, and to prepare a mode of authenticating the book by some certain standard, and of publishing future editions of the same in the churches in the different states.

Resolved, That the **Rev. Dr. Magaw**, **Rev. Dr. Moore**, **Rev. Mr. Jarvis**, **Col. Ogden**, **John De Hart, Esquire**, and **Dr. Hindman**, be a committee on the part of this **House** for the above purpose.

The **President** also reported, that the two **Houses** had agreed to appoint a joint committee for preparing a plan of supporting missionaries to preach the gospel on the frontiers of the **United States**.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Bowden, Rev. Mr. M'Croskey, Rev. Mr. Frost, Samuel Marsh, Esq. Dr. Martin, Major Lloyd, and Mr. Campbell, be a committee on the part of this House for the above purpose.

The Rev. Mr. Frazer, Rev. Mr. Coleman, Mr. Andrews, and Mr. Marsh, had leave of absence after to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the General Convention be held in the city of Philadelphia; and that the House of Bishops be requested to appoint one of their body to open the Convention with a sermon.

Ordered, That the Rev. Mr. Frost communicate to the House of Bishops the above resolve and appointment of committees.

The House of Bishops informed the House, that they had appointed Bishops Seabury and White, a committee to act in conjunction with the committee appointed by this House, to compare the book of common prayer with the original acts, &c. and Bishops Madison and Claggett a committee to act with the committee appointed for preparing a plan of supporting missionaries, &c.

The house received from the House of Bishops alterations of the form and manner of making Deacons.

Ordered, That they be read.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this house, that they agreed to the resolve of holding the next meeting of the General Convention in Philadelphia, and that they had appointed the Right Rev. Dr. Provoost to open the Convention with a sermon.

The form of making Deacons was again taken up and considered by paragraphs, and, with some amendments, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Bisset carry it to the House of Bishops, and request their concurrence with the amendments proposed.

The House of Bishops informed the house, that they concurred with the amendments proposed to the form of making Deacons.

The house received from the House of Bishops additional canons, and a resolve for printing in one book, the form of ordaining Deacons, Priests, and Bishops.

Ordered, That the canons be read.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Dr. Magaw read prayers.

The Rev. Dr. Magaw, from the committee appointed for comparing the printed edition of the book of common prayer, with the original act, &c. brought in a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Rev. Dr. Beach, from the committee appointed for preparing a plan for supporting missionaries, &c. brought in a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The additional canons were again taken up, and considered by paragraphs.

Six additional canons were, with amendments, agreed to and enacted; and, with an amendment of the 7th canon, ordered to be sent, by Mr. Bisset, to the House of Bishops, for their concurrence in the amendments of this House.

The House of Bishops informed the house, that they concurred with the amendments proposed by this house to the canons, except to the amendment to the 4th.

Resolved, That the house concur with the resolve of the House of Bishops, for printing in one book, the form of ordaining Deacons, Priests, and Bishops, and that the Rev. Dr. Moore be appointed, on the part of this house, for that purpose.

Resolved, That the house adhere to their amendment of the 4th canon; and that Col. Ogden inform the house of Bishops thereof.

The report of the committee on the book of common prayer, was again taken up, and considered by paragraphs, and with amendments, sent by the Secretary to the House of Bishops for their concurrence.

The House of Bishops informed the house, that they recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the 4th canon, and agree to the resolve respecting the negative of the House of Bishops.

The report of the committee on the plan for supporting missionaries, &c. was again taken up and considered by paragraphs, and some amendments were proposed and agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, proposing, that a joint committee be appointed for publishing journals of the two houses, and that the lists of Clergy be printed in an appendix.

The Rev. Dr. Bowie, and Dr. Hindman obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock, P. M.

Five o'clock, 1. M.

The house met, and proceeded in the consideration of the report on the plan for supporting missionaries, &c. which was agreed to with amendments; and the Secretary was desired to carry it to the House of Bishops for their concurrence.

Ordered, That the presiding Bishop be requested to forward to his Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, thirty copies of the journal for his use, and for the use of the Right Rev. the Bishops of England.

The house proceeded to appoint a standing committee, and the following gentlemen were chosen:

For New Hampshire, the Hon. Mr. Livermore.

For Massachusetts, the Rev. Dr. Parker.

For Rhode Island, the Rev. Witham Smith.

For Connecticut, the Rev. Abraham Jarvis.

For New York, the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, Richard Harrison, Esquire.

For New Jersey, the Rev. Uzal Ogden, Mr. J. M. Wallace, Colonel Ogden.

For Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Dr. Blackwell, Rev. Mr. Pilmore, Hon. Mr. Powell, Dr. Rush, Mr. John Wilcocks.

For Delaware, the Rev. Mr. Thorne, Nicholas Ridgely, Esq.

For Maryland, the Rev. John Bisset, Major Lloyd.

For Virginia, Rev. Mr. McCroskey, Robert Andrews, Esq.

For South Carolina, the Rev. Dr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Izard.

Ordered, That the President of this house is chairman of the above committee; and is empowered to call together the members.

The house of Bishops proposed an amendment to the report respecting missionaries, which was agreed to.

The house proceeded to appoint a committee, for carrying into effect the act respecting missionaries; and the Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Dr. Blackwell, Rev. Dr. Andrews, Hon. Mr. Powell, Mr. John Wood, and Dr. Rush, were chosen.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the house of Bishops thereof.

The house of Bishops informed the house, that they agree to the amendment of the 7th canon of the last Convention, and propose that the annexed certificate be altered, to correspond with it; and that the canons, so altered, be published as a canon of this Convention.

Resolved, That the above proposal be agreed to.

The house proceeded to appoint a committee, on the part of this house, for publishing and authenticating the book of common prayer, agreeably to an act of Convention passed for that purpose; and the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, and Dr. Johnson were chosen.

Ordered, That the house of Bishops be informed thereof by the Secretary, who reported, that they had appointed the Right Rev. Dr. Provoost.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this house be given to the Mayor and Aldermen of New York for the use of the City Hall; and that the Rev. Dr. Moore and Colonel Giles communicate the same.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Beach, and the Secretary, be a committee on the part of this house, for revising, correcting, and publishing the Journals.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Journals be printed.

Resolved, That the thanks of the house be given to the President and Secretary for their attention and services.

The house rose.

Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM SMITH, President.

Attest. J. Bisset, Secretary.

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HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

NEW YORK, *September 11th, 1792.*

THE Right Rev. Dr. Seabury, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island, attended in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and, after prayers,

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, *ten o'clock, A. M.*

The members met: present, the Right Rev. Dr. Seabury, Right Rev. Dr. Provoost, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York; Right Rev. Dr. White, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania; and the Right Rev. Dr. Madison, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia.

They then attended divine service. The Right Rev. Dr. Madison read prayers, and the Right Rev. Dr. Seabury preached, agreeably to the appointment of the last General Convention.

After divine service they proceeded to the choice of a Secretary; and the Rev. Samuel Keene was appointed, *pro tempore*.

The house of Clerical and Lay Deputies informed the Bishops that they were organized, and ready to proceed to business; and that they propose ten o'clock, A. M. as the stated hour of meeting.

The Bishops agreed to meet at the same hour, and desired their Secretary to notify the same to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Bishops took into consideration the form and manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and, after some deliberation, agreed to postpone the farther consideration thereof till Friday next. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, *ten o'clock, A. M.*

The Bishops met, and attended prayers in the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The first rule for the government of the house of Bishops, as agreed on at the last Convention, was re-considered.

Resolved, That the said rule be rescinded—that the following be adopted instead thereof, viz:—The office of President of this house shall be held in rotation, beginning from the north; refer-

ence being had to the presidency of this house in the last Convention.

In consequence of the above rule, the Right Rev. Dr. Provoost took the chair. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, *ten o'clock*, A. M.

The house met: present, the Right Rev. Dr. Provoost, Right Rev. Dr. Seabury, Right Rev. Dr. White, and Right Rev. Dr. Madison; and attended prayers in the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The house went into the consideration of the form and manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, agreeably to the postponement of Wednesday last.

A message being received from the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Moore, informing this house, that they had appointed a committee to apply for the use of an apartment in the City Hall; and that, if it meet with the concurrence of this house, application will also be made for another apartment to accommodate the Bishops.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Moore be requested to inform the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that this house do concur in their proposition.

The house proceeded in the consideration of the form of ordaining or consecrating a Bishop; and, having agreed on sundry alterations of the same, appointed Bishops White and Madison a committee to prepare a draft of the said alterations, to be laid before the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies to-morrow morning. Adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The house met: present, as yesterday.—The Rev. Mr. Keene being obliged to resign the office of Secretary, the Rev. L. Cutting was chosen in his stead.

The house received a message by the Rev. Dr. Moore, that rooms were prepared in the City Hall for the reception of the two houses of Convention.

The house received a message by the Rev. Dr. Beach, asking this house to concur with them in thanking the Right Rev. Bishop Seabury for his sermon delivered at the opening of the Convention, and in requesting a copy of the same to be printed.

Resolved, That this house concurs with the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in thanking the Right Rev. Bishop Seabury for his sermon delivered at the opening of the Convention, and in requesting a copy of the same to be printed.

The Clerical and Lay Deputies from the state of Maryland, presented to this house the Rev. Thomas John Claggett, D. D. as Bishop elect of the church in the said state, requesting that his consecration might be expedited. The said deputies laid before

the house the proceedings of the Convention held in Annapolis, in May, 1792, respecting the election of the Rev. Dr. Claggett, together with the certificates required by the 2d canon.

Adjourned to the Senate Chamber in the City Hall, agreeably to the determination of yesterday.

SENATE CHAMBER, CITY HALL.

The committee reported a draft of the alterations in the consecration service.

The house received a message from the Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Hon. Mr. Lloyd, requesting a conference with them on the general state of the church.

Resolved, That the alterations in the consecration service be sent to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence; and that they be informed, this house is now ready to meet them in their room on the proposed conference.

The house went into a conference with the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in which the President of this house was requested to take the chair, when the following motion was made:

Agreed, that as the churches in some of the states are not represented in this Convention, and others only partially, the consideration of the articles of religion be postponed until the next General Convention;—which passed in the negative in the house of Bishops, and in the affirmative in the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The house having considered the testimonials respecting the election of the Rev. Dr. Claggett, and found them satisfactory,

Resolved, That the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Thomas John Claggett take place on Monday morning at half past ten.

Adjourned.

MONDAY MORNING, *nine o'clock*.

House met. Present, as on Saturday.

The house took under consideration the offices for ordaining Priests and Deacons, and having made some advance therein, proceeded to Trinity Church, to the consecration of the Rev. Thomas John Claggett, D. D. and, after divine service, returned to their house, when the Right Rev. Bishop Claggett took his seat.

A message from the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, reporting, that they concurred with the house of Bishops in their alterations in the form of consecrating Bishops.

A message from the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, requesting a conference between the two houses to-morrow morning, at half past nine o'clock.

In consideration of the resolve of the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, respecting the articles, this house agree to postpone the same.

Resolved, That a record of the certificate of the consecration of the Right Rev. Bishop Claggett, be entered on the Journals of this house ; and that the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Trinity Church, be requested to enter it on their church book.

Resolved, That it be proposed to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to publish, in one book, the form and manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, conformably to the alterations agreed on between the two houses.

Adjourned till half past nine to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, *half past nine.*

House met : present, the Right Rev. Bishops Provoost, Seabury, White, Madison, and Claggett.

The house originated certain canons, and sent them to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence.

The house received a message by the Rev. Mr. Bisset, from the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing two amendments in the office for ordaining Priests ; to both which the house agreed.

The house went into a conference with the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies. The President of this house was requested to take the chair, in which conference the following propositions were agreed to.

Resolved, That a joint committee be appointed to compare the printed edition of the common prayer book with the original acts of the last General Convention, where they may judge it necessary ; and to adopt a mode of authenticating the book by some certain standard, and for publishing future editions of the same in the churches of the different states.

Resolved, That a joint committee of both houses be appointed to report a plan for supporting missionaries to preach the gospel on the frontiers of the United States.

Resolved, That the Right Rev. Bishops Seabury and White, be a committee from this house on the first proposition ; and the Right Rev. Bishops Madison and Claggett be a committee on the last.

The house received a message from the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing that the next General Convention be held in the city of Philadelphia, and that this house would appoint one of their body to open the Convention with a sermon ;

Resolved, That this house agree to the above, and request the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost to preach the sermon.

The house originated alterations in the office for ordaining Deacons, and alterations of the preface, and of the title of the book of ordination and consecration, and sent them to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, requesting their concurrence.

The house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, amendments to the additions in the office for ordaining Deacons, and in the preface ; in which the house concurred.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, *September 19.*

The house met: Present, as yesterday, except **Bishop Claggett**.

The house received a message from the **House of Clerical and Lay Deputies**, asking the concurrence of the house in a resolve of thanks to the **Rev. Dr. Smith**, for his sermon delivered before them on the occasion of the consecration of **Bishop Claggett**, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

Resolved, That this house concur in the same. The committee appointed yesterday to compare the printed edition, &c. also the committee appointed to prepare a plan for supporting missionaries to preach the Gospel on the frontiers of the **United States**, made report.

Resolved, That the several members of this house deliver to the **Secretary**, the lists of the **Clergy** of their respective diocesses, and that the **House of Clerical and Lay Deputies** be requested to send to this house the lists from the several states in which there are no **Bishops**, agreeably to the 16th canon, and that the said lists be printed as an appendix to the journal.

This house received a message from the **House of Clerical and Lay deputies**, proposing as follows;

That it be made known to the several state **Conventions**, that it is proposed to consider and determine, in the next **General Convention**, on the propriety of investing the **House of Bishops** with a full negative on the proceedings of the other house.

This house concurs in the above, and agrees to the amendment of the 4th canon.

The house received from the **House of Clerical and Lay Deputies**, their concurrence with the proposal concerning the publication of the ordination and consecration services. In that proposal, the **President** of this house was named on the joint committee by this house, and the **Rev. Dr. Moore** is appointed on the part of the **Clerical and Lay Deputies**.

The house received from the **House of Clerical and Lay Deputies**, amendments of the report of the joint committee to compare the printed edition of the prayer book, &c. to which this house agreed, and passed the report.

The **House** sent information to the **House of Clerical and Lay Deputies**, that they propose to adjourn to 6 o'clock this evening.

The house received from the **House of Clerical and Lay Deputies**, amendments of the report of the joint committee, on the plan for supporting missionaries to preach the Gospel on the frontiers of the **United States**, to which this house proposed an addition.

The house also received from the **House of Clerical and Lay Deputies**, a proposal of sending journals of this **Convention** to the **Archbishop of Canterbury**, for the purpose of informing his Grace, and the other **Prelates of England**, of the state and proceedings of this church.

Resolved, That the house concur therein.

The house of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurred in the report of the plan for the support of missionaries, &c. and named the requisite committee, with which this house agreed.

The House received a proposal from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, for printing one thousand copies of the journal; also, a message as to the mode of authenticating the acts of the Convention. This house agreed to the former, and proposed the acts to be authenticated by the signatures of the presidents of the respective houses.

The house received a message from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with information, that they had appointed a committee to superintend the printing a correct edition of the common prayer book, requesting that a committee be appointed from this house for the same purpose; when Bishop Provoost was accordingly appointed.

A message reporting, that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concur with the proposal respecting the 7th canon.

The house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, their concurrence to the proposal for printing a list of the Clergy, in an appendix to the journal.

A message was received desiring the concurrence of this house, to the appointing a committee for printing their journal, when Bishop Provoost was appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this house be given to the Rev. L. Cutting, for his services as secretary.

The house rose.

Signed by order of the House of Bishops,

SAMUEL PROVOOST, President.

Attest. **L. CUTTING, Secretary.**

The Certificate of the Consecration of the Right Rev. Bishop Claggett, is as follows:

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents, that we Samuel Provoost, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the state of New York, presiding Bishop: Samuel Seabury, D. D. Bishop of Connecticut and Rhode Island; William White, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania; James Madison, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the state of Virginia; under the protection of Almighty God, in Trinity church in the city of New York, on Monday the seventeenth of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, Thomas John Claggett, D. D. late Rector of St. James's parish in the state of Maryland, of whose sufficiency in good learning,

soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the said state, to which the said Thomas John Claggett hath been elected by the Convention of the said state. In testimony whereof we have signed our names and caused our seals to be affixed. Given in the city of New York this nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

SAMUEL PROVOOST,	(L. S.)
S. SEABURY,	(L. S.)
WM. WHITE,	(L. S.)
J. MADISON,	(L. S.)

A true copy of the certificate of the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Thomas John Claggett, as compared with the original, by

LEOC. CUTTING, Secretary of the House of Bishops.
J. BISSET, Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

ADDITIONAL CANONS.

I.

FOR a more full accomplishment of the good purposes to be answered by the 16th canon, enacted by the last General Convention, it is hereby required, that every Clergyman claiming to be a Minister of this church, shall deliver in his name to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the chairman or some member of the standing committee, of the church in the state in which he resides, on or before Easter Monday, 1793; or, if he be not within any of the states which have acceded to the constitution of this church, then within three months after he shall come to reside in any of the said states. And every clergyman, during his neglect of conformity to this canon, shall not be known as a Clergyman of this church, or be admitted to minister in any offices of the same.

II.

If a Clergyman of the church in any diocese or district within this union, shall, in any other diocese or district, conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the rules of this church, and disgraceful to his office; the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the standing committee, shall give notice thereof to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese or district to which such offender belongs, exhibiting, with the information given, the proofs of the charges made against him.

III.

Whenever a Clergyman shall be degraded, agreeably to the canons of any particular church in the union, the Bishop who

pronounces sentence, shall, without delay, cause the sentence of degradation to be published from every pulpit where there may be an officiating minister, throughout the diocese or district in which the degraded minister resided; and also shall give information of the sentence to all the Bishops of this church; and, where there is no Bishop, to the standing committee.

IV.

In regard to the first certificate required in favour of a Bishop elect, by the 2d canon of the last General Convention, and the certificate required in favour of a candidate for Priest's or Deacon's orders, by the 6th canon; if there be any members of the bodies respectively concerned who have not the requisite personal knowledge of the parties, such persons may prefix the following declaration to their signatures:

WE believe the testimony contained in the above Certificate; and we join in the recommendation of A. B. to the office of — on sufficient evidence offered to us of the facts set forth.

Provided, That in the case of a Priest or Deacon, two at least of the standing committee sign the same, as being personally acquainted with the candidate.

V.

No stranger shall be permitted to officiate in any congregation of this church, without first producing the evidences of his being a minister thereof to the minister, or, in case of vacancy or absence, to the church wardens, vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation. And in case any person not regularly ordained shall assume the ministerial office, and perform any of the duties thereof in this church, the minister, or in case of vacancy or absence, the church wardens, vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation where such offence may be committed, shall cause the name of such person, together with the offence, to be published in as many of the public papers as may be convenient.

VI.

No clergyman belonging to this church shall officiate, either by preaching or reading prayers in the parish, or within the parochial cure of another clergyman, unless he have received express permission for that purpose from the minister of the parish or cure, or, in his absence, from the church wardens, vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation.

The seventh Canon of the last General Convention, as altered and amended by this Convention.

Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

NO person shall be ordained in this church, until he shall have satisfied the Bishop, and the two Presbyters by whom he shall be

examined, that he is sufficiently acquainted with the **New Testament** in the original **Greek**, and can give an account of his faith in the **Latin** tongue, either in writing or otherwise, as may be required, and that he hath a competent knowledge of moral philosophy, church history, and the belles lettres, and hath paid attention to rhetoric and pulpit eloquence, as the means of giving additional efficacy to his labours ; unless it shall be recommended to the **Bishop** by two-thirds of the **State Convention** to which he belongs, to dispense with the aforesaid requisition, in whole or in part : which recommendation shall only be for good causes moving thereto, and shall be in the following words, with the signature of the names of the majority of such **Convention** :

We, whose names are underwritten, are of opinion, that the dispensing with the knowledge of the **Latin** and **Greek** languages, [or either of the other requisites specified in the seventh canon, as the case may be] in the examination of **A. B.** for holy orders, will be of use to the church of which we are the **Convention**, in consideration of other qualifications of the said **A. B.** for the **Gospel Ministry**.

Enacted September 19th, 1792.

House of Bishops,

SAMUEL PROVOOST, President.

Attest. **L. Cutting, Secretary,**

House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,

WILLIAM SMITH, President.

Attest. **J. Bisset, Secretary.**

An Act of the General Convention, for supporting Missionaries to preach the Gospel on the Frontiers of the United States.

1. **RESOLVED**, That it be recommended to the ministers of this church to preach a sermon in each of the churches under their care, on the first Sunday of September in every year ; and, if that day should not be adapted to the purpose, then on such other Sunday as the minister and vestry or trustees of the congregation shall appoint, for the purpose of collecting money in order to carry into effect this charitable design.

2. That the money so collected, be entered in a record to be kept by the vestries or trustees of each congregation ; and by the minister and church wardens or trustees, be delivered to a treasurer appointed by each **State Convention**, and, by him transmitted to a treasurer who shall be appointed as herein after directed.

3. That such **Missionaries** as may be employed by this church, be authorized to make collections of money from such congregations on the **Frontiers** as may contribute, and render an accurate account to the **Bishop** of this church in the state of **Pennsylvania**, and the standing committee to be appointed by this **Convention**, of the sums thus collected.

4. That the Bishop of this church in Pennsylvania, and the said standing committee, frame an address to the members of this church, recommending this charitable design to their particular attention; which address shall be read by every minister on the day appointed for the collection.

5. That the Bishop of this church in Pennsylvania, and the said standing committee, have authority to appoint a secretary and a treasurer; the first to carry on the correspondence, and the other to keep the accounts and the moneys of the institution.

6. That when it shall appear to the Bishop of this church in Pennsylvania, and the standing committee to be appointed as aforesaid, that sufficient funds have been provided for the above purpose, they shall then employ such Missionaries, allow such salaries, and make such arrangements, as to them shall seem best; reporting regularly their proceedings to each General Convention.

An Act of the General Convention, for publishing future Editions of the Book of Common Prayer, in the Churches in the different States.

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed by the General Convention for the purpose of publishing the Book of Common Prayer, and securing the copy right to them and their assigns, in trust for the Convention; and that this committee be empowered and directed to convey a right to print the book to any printer or printers in any of the states, who may be recommended for that purpose by the state Convention, or their standing committee, free from any premium for copy right; such State Convention or standing committee to superintend, and correct the press according to the standard book.

The Rev. J. L. Wilson, Clerical Deputy from the State of North Carolina, having been detained by contrary winds, did not arrive in the city of New York till the 23th instant, the Convention having risen a few days before.

J. BISSET, Sec'y.

APPENDIX.

List of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, delivered in and published, agreeably to the 16th Canon of the last General Convention.

From NEW HAMPSHIRE and MASSACHUSETTS, no list was delivered in.

RHODE ISLAND.

THE Rev. Moses Badger, Rector of King's church, Providence. The Rev. William Smith, Rector of Trinity church, Newport.

Connecticut.

- The Rev. Ebenezer Dibble, Rector of St. John's church, Stamford.
 Rev. George Ogilvie, St. Paul's church, Norwalk.
 Rev. Philo Shelton, Stratfield.
 Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard, Trinity church, New Haven.
 Rev. Philo Perry, Christ church, Newtown.
 Rev. David Perry, Reading, &c.
 Rev. ——— Marsh, New Milford.
 Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Litchfield.
 Rev. Ambrose Todd, Symsbury.
 Rev. Abraham Lynsen Clarke, Huntington.
 Rev. Dr. Richard Mansfield, Derby.
 Rev. Reuben Ives, Cheshire.
 Rev. Dr. Abraham Jarvis, Christ church, Middletown.
 Rev. Daniel Fogg, Brooklyn.
 Rev. John Tyler, Christ church, Norwich.
 Rev. ——— Prindle, Westbury.
 Rev. John Bowden, residing at Stratford.
 Rev. Edward Blakslee, Deacon, Woodbridge.
 Rev. Solomon Blakslee, Deacon, East Haddam.
 Rev. David Belden, Deacon, ———.
 Rev. Seth Hart, Deacon, Waterbury.
 Rev. David Butler, Deacon, North Guilford.

New York.

- Rev. Jeremiah Learning, D. D. residing in New York.
 Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. Assistant Minister of Trinity church, New York.
 Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D. Assistant Minister of Trinity church, New York.
 Rev. Thomas L. Moore, Rector of St. George's church, South Hempstead.
 Rev. Thomas Ellison, Rector of St. Peter's church, Albany.
 Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Staten Island.
 Rev. Daniel Foote, Rector of the United churches at Rye and White Plains.
 Rev. George H. Spicrin, Rector of the United churches at Newburgh and Wallkill.
 Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's church, Philipsburgh.
 Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of the United churches at Peek's Kill and Highlands.
 Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of the church at New Rochelle.
 Rev. William Hammel, Rector of the United churches at Jamaica, Newtown, and Flushing.
 Rev. ——— Hull, Rector of the church at Brooklyn.
 Rev. Ammi Rogers, Rector of the Uni-

ted churches at Schenectady and Ballstown.

- Rev. ——— Bostwick, officiates every third Sunday at Hudson.
 Rev. James Nicholls, officiates every third Sunday at Camden.
 Rev. Daniel Barber, officiates every third Sunday at Kingsbury.
 Rev. Elisha D. Rattoone, Professor of the Greek and Latin languages in Columbia college.
 Rev. Samuel Nesbit, residing in New York.

New Jersey.

- Rev. Uzal Ogden, Rector of Trinity church, Newark.
 Rev. Samuel Spraggs, Rector of St. John's church, Elizabethtown.
 Rev. Henry Van Dyke, Rector of St. Peter's church, Amboy, and Christ Church, New Brunswick.
 Rev. Henry Waddell, Rector of Christ church, Shrewsbury, and Christ church, Middletown.
 Rev. Levi Heath, Rector of St. Mary's church, Burlington.
 Rev. William Frazer, Rector of St. Michael's church, Trenton; and St. Andrew's Church, Amwell.
 Rev. John Croes, Rector of ———'s church, Swedesburgh.
 Rev. Samuel Gray, Rector of ———'s church, Salem.
 Rev. William Ayres, Rector of St. Peter's church, Spotswood.

Pennsylvania.

- Rev. William Smith, D. D.
 Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.
 Rev. John Andrews, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.
 Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ church and St. Peter's, in the city of Philadelphia.
 Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D.
 Rev. John Campbell, Rector of the churches in York and Huntington.
 Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.
 Rev. Sator Clay, Rector of St. David's, Kadnor; St. Peter's in the Valley; and St. James's, Perkiomen.
 Rev. Elisha Rigg, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster.
 Rev. Joseph Clarkson.
 Rev. Robert Ayres, Rector of the Episcopal churches in Redstone, and the parts adjacent.
 Rev. Francis Reno, Deacon in Westmoreland county.
 Rev. Joseph H. Turner, Deacon in the churches of Chester, Marcus Hook, and Concord.

Rev. Joseph Doddridge, Deacon in Washington county.

Delaware.

Rev. Robert Clay, Emanuel church, New Castle county.

Rev. Sydenham Thorne, Christ church, Kent county.

Rev. William Skelly, Christ church, Sussex county.

Maryland.

Rev. — Brooke, St. Mary's county. Rev. John W. Compton, William and Mary parish; Rev. John Weems, Port Tobacco parish; Rev. Hatch Dent, Trinity parish, Charles county.

Rev. Joseph Messenger, St. John's parish; Henry Moscrop, St. Anne's parish, Prince George's county.

Rev. Edward Gault, Christ church parish; Rev. Thomas J. Chew, All Saints parish, Calvert county.

Rev. Thomas J. Claggett, D. D. St. James's parish; Rev. Walter M'Pherson, All Hallows parish; Rev. Ralph Higinbotham, St. Anne's parish; Rev. Mason L. Weems, St. Margaret's, Westmoreland parish, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. Thomas Read, Prince George's parish, Montgomery county.

Rev. George Bower, All Saints parish; Rev. Townshend Dade, Frederick county.

Rev. Joseph G. J. Bend, St. Paul's parish; Rev. William Duke, Baltimore county.

Rev. John Coleman, St. John's Parish; Rev. John Ireland, Harford county.

Rev. John Bisset, St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county.

Rev. Archibald Walker, Chester parish; Rev. Colin Ferguson, St. Paul's parish, Kent county.

Samuel Keene, D. D. St. Luke's parish; Rev. Samuel Keene, jun. St. Paul's parish; Rev. Owen F. Magrath, Christ church parish, Queen Anne's county.

John Bowie, D. D. St. Michael's parish; Rev. James Conner, St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.

Rev. Thomas Gordon, St. Mary's, White Chapel parish, Carolina county.

Rev. James Kemp, Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.

Rev. George Dashcill, Stepney parish; Hamilton Bell, Somerset parish; Rev. Samuel Tingley, Coventry parish, Somerset county.

Rev. John White, All Hallows parish, Worcester county.

Rev. Thomas Scott, one of the tutors of St. John's College.

Virginia.

Rev. Isaac Darnelle, Rector of Amherst parish.

Rev. Alexander Hay, Rector of Antrim parish.

Rev. Devereux Jarratt, Rector of Bath parish.

Rev. Hugh Corrans Boggs, Rector of Berkeley parish.

Rev. Price Davies, Rector of Brislard parish.

Rev. John Cameron, Rector of Bristol parish.

Rev. John Iredeall, Rector of Broomfield parish.

Rev. Alexander M'Farland, Rector of Brunswick parish.

Rev. John Bracken, Rector of Bruton parish.

Rev. Samuel Shield, Rector of Charles parish.

Rev. Samuel Klug; Rev. David Ball, Christ Church parish.

Rev. James Elliott, Rector of Cople parish.

Rev. James Craig, Rector of Cumberland parish.

Rev. Needler Robinson, Rector of Dale parish.

Rev. Spence Grayson, Rector of Dettingen parish.

Rev. Jesse Carter, Rector of Drysdale parish.

Rev. Henry Skyrin, Rector of Elizabeth city parish.

Rev. James Whitehead, Rector of Elizabeth River parish.

Rev. Brian Fairfax, Rector of Fairfax parish.

Rev. Alexander Baldwin, Rector of Frederick's parish.

Rev. Matthew Maury, Rector of Fredericksville parish.

Rev. James Craig, Rector of Hamilton's parish.

Rev. John Buchanan, Rector of Henrico parish.

Rev. Samuel S. M'Croskey, Rector of Hungars parish.

Rev. James Thompson, Rector of Leeds parish.

Rev. Charles Crawford, Rector of Lexington parish.

Rev. Eikanah Talley, Rector of Littleton parish.

Rev. Isaac Wm. Gibern, Rector of Lunenburg parish.

Rev. Anthony Walke, Rector of Lynhaven parish.

Rev. William Cameron, Rector of Manchester parish.

Rev. John J. Spooner, Rector of Martins Brandon parish.

Rev. William Hubbard, Rector of Newport parish.

Rev. Henry J. Burgess, Nottoway parish.

Rev. Robert Buchan, Rector of Overwharton parish.

Rev. Arthur Emerson, Rector of Portsmouth parish.

Rev. John Brunskill, Rector of Raleigh parish.

Rev. Alexander Lundie, Rector of St. Andrew's parish.

Rev. John Matthews, St. Anne's parish.

Rev. James Morris, Rector of St. Bride's parish.

Rev. Reuben Clopton, Rector of St. David's parish.

Rev. William Vere; **Rev. John Woodville**, Rector of St. George's parish.

Rev. Charles Hopkins, Rector of St. James Northam parish.

Rev. James Price, Rector of St. John's parish.

Rev. Joseph Gurley, Rector of St. Luke's parish.

Rev. Archibald Dick, Rector of St. Margaret's parish.

Rev. James Stevenson, Rector of St. Mark's parish.

Rev. Peter Nelson, St. Martin's parish.

Rev. Abner Waugh, Rector of St. Mary's parish.

Rev. William Stewart, Rector of St. Paul's parish.

Rev. Benjamin Blagrove, Rector of St. Peter's parish.

Rev. Thomas Davis, Rector of St. Stephen's parish.

Rev. John Hyde Saunders, Rector of Southam parish.

Rev. Andrew Sim, Rector of South Farnham parish.

Rev. Samuel Butler, Rector of Southwark parish.

Rev. James Taylor, Rector of Suffolk parish.

Rev. Lee Massey, Rector of Truro parish.

Rev. James Henderson, Rector of Westover parish.

Rev. James Maury Fontaine, Rector of Ware parish.

Rev. John Bryan, Rector of Wicomico parish.

South Carolina.

Rev. Dr. Smith, **Rev. Mr. Frost**, **Rev. Dr. Purcell**, **Rev. Dr. Gates**, **Rev. Mr. Jenkins**, **Rev. Mr. Nixon**, Master of an Academy, **Rev. Mr. White**, Charleston.

Rev. Mr. Mills, St. Andrews.

Rev. Mr. Ellington, St. James's, Goose Creek.

Rev. Mr. McCulley, St. Luke's.

Rev. Mr. Tate, St. Helen's.

Rev. Mr. Sykes, Prince George's.

Rev. Mr. Blackwall, **Rev. Mr. Ickland**, St. Bartholomews.

Rev. Mr. Graham, Edisto.