

MONTGOMERY county. George-Town hundred, Richard Thompson. Lower Patowmack, Samuel Wade Magruder. Upper Patowmack, William Deakins, jun, Seneca, Gerard Briscoe. Sugar Land, Solomon Simpson. Sugar Loaf, Francis Deakins. Upper Part Newfoundland, Edward Crow, jun. Lower Part Newfoundland, John Gaither. North West, Samuel Harwood. Rock Creek, William Robertson. Linganore and Upper Part of Seneca, Amos Riggs.

On motion, RESOLVED, That colonel Francis Ware's rank of first colonel of the quota of troops raised by this state be preserved, notwithstanding the resignation of his commission occasioned by his present infirm state of health; this resolve not in any manner to alter the arrangement agreed to by the general assembly. That col. Ware be informed of this resolution by a joint letter from the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates.

Which resolution was sent to the house of delegates with the following message by Joseph Nicholson, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, April 2, 1777.

Gentlemen,

CONSIDERING col. Ware's great merit, and hoping he may recover his health, we are very desirous of preserving his rank in the army; we therefore propose for your concurrence the resolution herewith sent.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The list of collectors of blankets was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

Mr. Wootton and Mr. Downes from the house of delegates, deliver to Mr. President sundry resolutions relative to the appointment of a surgeon general to the quota of troops raised by this state, and a surgeon and two surgeons mates to each regiment.

On reading the list of officers proposed by the house of delegates, the same was concurred with, except the following: Judges of the general court, Solomon Wright and John Beale Bordley, Esquires. Justices of Queen-Anne's county, Samuel Ridgeway. Surveyors of Prince-George's county, John Beall; Caroline, William Rich. Registers of wills, Cæcil county, John Veazy 3d. Naval officers, 1st district, Meveril Lock.

The list endorsed, "By the senate, April 2, 1777: Read and concurred with excepting as above," and sent to the house of delegates by Iurbutt Wright, Esq;

Mr. Richard Potts is appointed clerk to the senate, in the room of Mr. Richard Ridgely, who resigned.

Mr. Potts appeared and qualified as clerk of the senate, by taking the oath of fidelity prescribed by the constitution and form of government, subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and by taking the oath of office.

The petition of Josephus Beall, of Whittington Turpin, of Angelo Atkinson, and of Stoughton Maddox, were severally read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Thomas Contee, Esq;

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, April 2, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THIS house having disagreed to several officers proposed in your list, and being desirous that the civil offices of this state may be filled as soon as possible, will go into a joint ballot this afternoon, should it be agreeable to you that the places of those disagreed to may now be filled up by the general assembly according to the form of government.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Mr. Lethrbury and Mr. T. Bond from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message:

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, April 2, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THE importance of filling the civil offices of this state with men of ability and integrity is incontrovertible. 'Tis with great concern we observe the endorsement on the list of officers sent by this to your house. We doubt not but reasons must have induced your honours to that determination. As we are open to conviction, we request your honours to favour us with your reasons for not concurring with that part of our appointment which has been the subject of your objection. If you are not inclined to urge your reasons by message, we are willing to confer with your honours on the subject.

By order,

G. DUVALL cl. ho. del.

Which was read, and, in answer, the following message was agreed to.

By the S E N A T E, April 2, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are not enclined to urge by message the reasons inducing us to dissent to several officers proposed in your list, from the apparent impropriety of bringing on a public and recorded examination