

4 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777.

Messrs. Semmes and Alexander, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 10, 1777.

May it please your honours,
THIS being the day for the choice of a governor, according to the constitution and form of government, we propose to ballot at two o'clock, if agreeable to your honours, and have appointed Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Maddux, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your house to examine the ballot boxes.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

Samuel Wilson and Brice T. B. Worthington, Esqrs. were appointed to join the gentlemen of the house of delegates in examining the ballot boxes; and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq.

By the SENATE, November 10, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE agree to ballot at two o'clock, for the choice of a governor, and have appointed Samuel Wilson and Brice T. B. Worthington, Esqrs. to join the members of your house, in examining the ballot boxes.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

The members of the senate, having severally taken the oath prescribed by the form of government, proceeded to ballot for a governor, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee appointed by this house to join the committee of the house of delegates to take the joint ballot of both houses; who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that Thomas Johnson, Esq. had every vote: Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Thomas Johnson, Esq. is duly elected governor of the state of Maryland. And George Plater, Esq. was appointed to join any members of the house of delegates to notify the same to him.

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

By the SENATE, November 10, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE joint committee of both houses, appointed to examine the ballot boxes, having reported, that Thomas Johnson, Esq. was unanimously elected governor of this state, we think proper to notify the same to him, and have appointed George Plater, Esq. to join any members of your house for this purpose.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Messrs. Gibson and Worthington, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 10, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have appointed Mr. Forbes and Mr. Kent for the purpose mentioned in your message of this day, by Charles Grahame, Esq.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, November 11, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Joseph Nicholson, Esq. appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

ORDERED, That George Plater and Matthew Tilghman, Esqrs. acquaint the house of delegates, that the senate request their attendance, to see the governor qualified. The house of delegates attended, and his excellency Thomas Johnson, Esq. was qualified, in presence of both houses, by taking the oaths, and subscribing the declaration directed by the form of government, and by taking the oath of office prescribed by law.

The governor communicates to the president a letter from Joseph Dashiell, lieutenant of Worcester county, relative to the seizure of salt, by Robert Megarnet, deputy commissary in the continental service for the eastern shore; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by George Plater, Esq.

Messrs. Burgess and Hyland, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 11, 1777.

May it please your honours,

AGREEABLE to the constitution and form of government, this house propose to proceed to the choice of the council to the governor at one o'clock in the afternoon, if agreeable to your