

the gentlemen having qualified, and this house being informed, that Mr. Polk was in this city when elected, and remained here for several days after his appointment, and that Mr. Rogers has been in the city some days, and has not qualified; we presume neither of those gentlemen intend to accept the office: we are not acquainted with the reasons which have prevented Mr. Sim from attending, but are of opinion in his situation he might and ought to have attended or sent an excuse. We therefore propose, if agreeable to your honours, that a new choice be made in their room, by the joint ballot of both houses. The necessity that government should be as small a space of time as possible without an executive, is very obvious; and we wish to avoid the difficulties which have already arisen and may arise from the want of the exercise of such a power in this state. The resolve of the general assembly to reduce the artillery companies, and to send two of them to the assistance of general Washington, remains unexecuted; public creditors could not have been paid, but for the expedient proposed by this house and agreed to by your honours. The powers vested by the law passed this session in the governor and the council ought to be immediately exercised for the safety of this state. We therefore wish your honours to take this subject into consideration, and agree with us to fill up the vacancies in the council by the only method in which we apprehend the same can now be done.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

### F R I D A Y, November 21, 1777.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. William Hindman, Esq; appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The governor communicated to the president a letter from the president of the congress, enclosing a resolve relative to furnishing the army with blankets and other articles of cloathing; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by William Paca, Esq;

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

### S A T U R D A Y, November 22, 1777.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messrs. Lethbury and J. Barnes, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to procure cloathing for the quota of this state of the American army, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 22, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass. By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

### M O N D A Y, November 24, 1777.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. Turbutt Wright, Brice T. B. Worthington, and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. appeared in the senate. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to procure cloathing for the quota of this state of the American army, was read the second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

George Plater, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president the engrossed bill, No. 3; which was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

Messrs. Read and Gresham, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the paper bill, No. 3, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 24, 1777: the engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to."

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

Messrs. Daffin and Plowden, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill, No. 4, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 24, 1777: Read and assented to."

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The said engrossed bill was read and assented to, and the paper bill was sent to the house of delegates by Turbutt Wright, Esq;

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; has leave of absence.

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