

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1786.

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BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate having a sufficient number of members to compose a house, inform the delegates, that they shall be ready to proceed to the election of a governor at 12 o'clock this day, and have appointed William Perry and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, to join the gentlemen to be nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes. The honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, is put in nomination by this house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The president lays before the senate a letter from Richard Barnes, Esquire, declining to accept a seat in the senate; a letter from Thomas Johnson, Esquire, declining to accept a seat in the senate; a letter from William Paca, Esquire, declining to accept a seat in the senate; a letter from John Henry, Esquire, informing the president of his intentions to serve no longer than the present year in congress, and requesting him to notify the same to the senate; and a letter from William Hemsley, Esquire, informing the senate that his indisposition prevents his attendance; which were severally read.

ORDERED, That the clerk apply to the chancellor for the proceedings of the electors of the senate, and lay them before the senate; which were accordingly laid before the senate.

On motion, Thomas Stone, William Perry and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, were appointed a committee to examine the return of the electors of the senate, and report thereon.

On motion, George Gale, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Daniel Carroll, Esquires, were appointed a committee to draw rules and regulations to be observed in the senate.

Mr. John Seney, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE shall be ready to proceed to the choice of a governor at the hour fixed in your message by Thomas Stone, Esquire, and have appointed Mr. Wright, Mr. Joshua Seney and Mr. Grahame, to join the members nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes. No gentleman is nominated in addition to the one named in your message.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The senate having qualified according to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of a governor. The ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that William Smallwood, Esquire, was unanimously elected. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, is duly elected governor of this state.

Mr. Dent, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon for its sitting every day this session, for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

ORDERED, That Thomas Stone and George Gale, Esquires, inform the speaker and house of delegates, that the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, the governor elect, is attending in the senate to qualify as governor of the state of Maryland.

The speaker, attended by the members of the house of delegates, appeared in the senate, and the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, qualified as governor before the honourable George Plater, Esquire, president of the senate, in the presence of both houses, by taking the oaths directed by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office prescribed by law, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

Mr. De Butts, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose at ten o'clock to-morrow to proceed to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. Wright and Mr. Ridgely, to join the members who may be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen, viz. James Brice, Jeremiah Townley Chase, Benjamin Contee, Benjamin Harrison, Alexander Fraizer, James Hindman, John Kilty, John Davidson, Samuel Turbutt Wright, Daniel Jenifer and John Brice, Esquires, are nominated by this house to be balloted for as members of the council.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed to the election of a council to the governor at the hour proposed in your message by Mr. De Butts, and have appointed William Perry and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes. Robert Couden, Esquire, is named in this house in addition to the gentlemen nominated by your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

FRIDAY,