

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1808.

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The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

By the S E N A T E, November 8, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

THIS being the day designated by the constitution for electing a council to the governor, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to proceed immediately to said election. James Butcher, Thomas W. Hall, Lewis Duvall, Reverdy Ghiselin and James Nabb, are put in nomination by the senate, and we have appointed Mr. Partridge and Mr. Somervell to join the gentlemen you may appoint to examine the ballots.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year, passed by that house November 8, 1808; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, November 8, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE propose to proceed immediately to the appointment of a council to the governor, agreeably to your message of this morning. Doctor Archibald Dorsey, Benjamin Hodges, Perry Benson, John L. Kerr and James Frazier, are put in nomination by this house in addition to those nominated by you. We have appointed Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Dennis to join the gentlemen appointed by you to examine the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which was read.

The senate, having previously qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of a council to the governor; the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were 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 examining the ballots returned and reported, that James Butcher had fifty two votes, Reverdy Ghiselin forty-seven votes, Lewis Duvall forty-seven votes, Thomas W. Hall forty-seven votes, Benjamin Hodges forty-three votes, James Nabb forty-two votes, Perry Benson forty-two votes, John L. Kerr forty-two votes, Archibald Dorsey forty-one votes, James Frazier thirty-two votes, John R. Frazier one vote, Richard Hall one vote, and L. Sellman one vote.

Whereupon it appearing that James Butcher, Reverdy Ghiselin, Lewis Duvall, Thomas W. Hall and Benjamin Hodges, having had a majority of votes, it is declared in the senate, that James Butcher, Reverdy Ghiselin, Lewis Duvall, Thomas W. Hall and Benjamin Hodges, are duly elected the council to the governor.

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

## W E D N E S D A Y, November 9, 1808.

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

Mr. Covington, from the committee, delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

## T H U R S D A Y, November 10, 1808.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Dorsey. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Williams asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Gibson for a few days. Mr. Somervell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Dorsey for a few days.

The president laid before the senate a letter from the honourable John T. Mason, resigning his seat in the senate; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, Will the senate proceed to the appointment of a committee clerk? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Thomas, president, Mr. Covington, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Purnell, Mr. Smithson, Mr. Somervell, Mr. Williams. 7.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Lowrey, Mr. McElderry, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Shriver. 4.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The senate accordingly proceeded to the appointment of a committee clerk, and on examination of the ballots appeared that John S. Skinner was unanimously elected. Whereupon John S. Skinner appeared and qualified. The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.