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hending we have no such power, the constitution permitting a recommendation to office, only in the first instance, and as a lieutenant for Prince-George's county has already been recommended by the assembly, the appointment of that officer, we conceive, now lies with the governor and council.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which was read and assented to.

Mr. Veazey brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to indemnify the creditors of British subjects, and other persons of this state, who have suffered by the army and navy of Great-Britain since the present war; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till Monday morning, nine o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 10, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. H. Wilson, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Tillard. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Thomas Cockey Deye, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified, he took his seat.

The resolve of Saturday last, relating to the claim set up by the constitution or form of government of Virginia, sent to the senate by Mr. Veazey and Mr. Stevenson.

B. T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from the Rev. John Scott, praying to be released from his bond entered into with Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; president of the late council of safety of this state, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 10, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which was read here, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house being qualified to proceed to the choice of a governor, ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, acquainting them therewith.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate (together with a list of the persons proposed for the office of governor) by Mr. Semmes and Mr. Alexander.

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.

A petition from Benjamin Rumsey, Esq; setting forth that he owned a plantation in Turkey-Point Neck, in Cecil county, from which a part of the marines and sailors belonging to admiral Howe's fleet, had plundered and carried off a negro man, a horse, and a number of cattle, sheep and hogs, and praying for such relief as shall be thought reasonable, was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the resolve of Saturday last, were read and assented to.

T. Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message, together with the name of the person proposed by them for the office of governor:

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.

Which was read.

The house then proceeded to ballot for the governor, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, when the committee appointed by this house to join the committee of the senate to take the joint ballot of both houses, retired to the conference room, and after some time the gentlemen return and report to the house, that they had examined the ballots, and that Thomas Johnson, Esq; was unanimously elected. RESOLVED, therefore, that the said Thomas Johnson, Esq; be and is hereby declared governor of Maryland.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

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