

The engrossed bill, No. 20, read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Chase and Mr. Lethrbury.

The message of yesterday, by Thomas Stone, Esq; being read a second time, the following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Crabb and Mr. Smoot.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house agree to the number of commissioners proposed in your message of the 19th by Thomas Stone, Esq; and are willing to name them immediately by the joint ballot of both houses. They have also appointed Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Maddux, to join the gentlemen appointed by your house to draw up instructions for regulating the conduct of our commissioners. The list of gentlemen proposed to be balloted for is herewith sent.

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

A memorial from William Hammond was read and referred to the governor and the council, with power to do therein as they may think proper. Communicated to the governor and the council by Mr. Young.

ORDERED, That the board of auditors have the accounts relative to the expenditure of public money fully entered, and their books posted up, on or before the first day of March next, under the inspection of the committee to be appointed to act in the recess of assembly.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to appoint a proper person to be commissary of stores, who shall be upon oath and give bond in a sufficient penalty for the faithful discharge of his trust. And that such commissary of stores be under the controul and direction of the board of auditors, as to the manner of stating his accounts and keeping his books.

ORDERED, That Mr. Charles Wallace Howard, late commissary of stores, have the books relative to his department fully posted up from the day books, and his accounts compleated on or before the first day of March next, under the inspection of the committee to be appointed to act in the recess of assembly.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

By the S E N A T E, December 21, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to go into a joint ballot for commissioners to meet the commissioners of the state of Virginia, and have appointed Charles Grahame and William Hindman, Esquires, to join the gentleman to be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. We have no gentlemen to add to the list proposed by your house. We have also appointed the president of the senate, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and Thomas Stone, Esquires, to join the committee of your house to draw up instructions for regulating the conduct of the commissioners.

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

Which was read.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the engrossed bill No. 21, and the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was read and assented to, the paper bill so endorsed, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill No. 19, by Mr. Forbes and Mr. Contee.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Winder and Mr. Read.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

Mr. Crabb, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Bond, are appointed by this house to join Charles Grahame and William Hindman, Esquires, of your house, to examine the ballot boxes.

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

The ballots for the said commissioners being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time return and report to the house, that they had, with a committee of the senate, examined the ballots of both houses, and that a majority appeared in favour of the hon. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase, Esquires. It is therefore declared, that the said Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase, Esqrs. or any two of them, be the said commissioners from this state.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Ford and Mr. Burges :

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THE advanced season of the year calls upon us to put an end to the business of the session as speedily as possible; we hope every thing material may be finished by to-morrow evening, at which time this house propose to rise, and have agreed to adjourn to the first Monday in March next.

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

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

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