

24 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780.

Weldon Mercer and others; and a complaint of Jeremiah Covil, setting forth, that by an act of assembly a road has been run through his orchard and plantation, greatly to his prejudice, without its being an advantage to the public, as the said road has never been completed so as to be passable, and praying relief; severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1780: "Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,
The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. Potts appeared in the house.

The resolutions relative to the fitting out vessels to cruise in the bay, were sent to the senate by Mr. Maccubbin and Mr. Dennis.

Mr. Martin has leave of absence until Monday week. Mr. F. Gaunt has leave of absence until Monday fortnight.

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. Cadwalader:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 17, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS being the day agreed upon by the conferrees of both houses, on the seventh of April last, and concurred with by this house, for the election of delegates to represent this state in congress for the ensuing year, we propose to ballot for delegates immediately, and have nominated Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Brogden, and Mr. M'Mechen, to join the members you may think proper to appoint in examining the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen are proposed by this house to be balloted for, viz. Thomas Johnson, Luther Martin, John Hanson, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires.

This house are of opinion, that the number of delegates should not exceed four, and that to induce gentlemen of abilities and business to accept the trust, and to devote the whole or the far greater part of their time to the public service, that a liberal allowance be made by the state to defray their reasonable expences. If your honours concur with us in opinion, we shall only ballot for four gentlemen.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 17, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to your proposal to appoint four delegates to represent this state in congress, and concur with you in opinion, that it will be highly proper to make a liberal allowance to the gentlemen appointed, that no injury may arise to individuals from an attendance on public duty. Mr. Stone has informed this house, that the situation of his family and affairs render it impossible for him to give such attendance in congress as ought to be expected from every delegate, and therefore hopes gentlemen will excuse him from accepting the trust. Mr. Tilghman also hopes to be excused, on account of his age and other circumstances, which will render him unable to give the necessary attendance at congress.

We are ready to ballot immediately for delegates in congress, and have appointed Upton Sheredine and William Hemsley, Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated by you in examining the ballot boxes. No gentleman is named to be balloted for by this house in addition to those mentioned by you.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions respecting the fitting out vessels to cruise in the bay, endorsed; "By the senate, November 17, 1780: "Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to devise a proper and effectual mode to defend our rivers, &c. &c. beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject matter to them referred, and thereupon come to the following resolutions:

That it is the opinion of the committee, that there be purchased or built, and fitted with sails and oars, and manned as soon as possible, ten large barges or row-boats, capable of carrying swivels and twenty-five men at least; and that the said boats be stationed in the following manner, viz. one in Queen's-creek, at the mouth of Patowmack; one at Drum-point, or Point-patience, in the river Patuxent; one at the city of Annapolis; and one at Baltimore-town; on the