

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Oneale and Mr. Edwards:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 27, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house is ready to go into a ballot for delegates to congress for the ensuing year, and have appointed Mr. Weems, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Lloyd, to join such members of your house as your honours may nominate to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen are put in the nomination by this house, viz. Daniel Carroll, Edward Giles, William Hemsley, Samuel Hanson son of Samuel, Thomas Sim Lee, Richard Ridgely, and William Bruff, Esquires.

By order,

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 27, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go immediately into the appointment of delegates to congress for the ensuing year, and have nominated John Henry and John Smith, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with the members named by you. Nathaniel Ramsey and James Lloyd, Esquires, are named by this house to be balloted for in addition to those mentioned by you.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Forrest, the question was put, That persons formerly holding military commissions under congress, but reduced under the resolutions of congress of the 3d and 21st of October, 1780, receiving half pay from the United States, are eligible as delegates to congress, agreeable to the 27th section of the form of government, be reconsidered? The house being equally divided it was resolved in the affirmative by the honourable speaker.

On motion by Mr. Forrest seconded by Mr. Coursey, the question was put, That the said resolution be rescinded? The house being equally divided it was resolved in the affirmative by the honourable speaker.

The house proceeded to the choice of four delegates to congress, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Thomas Sim Lee, Daniel Carroll, William Hemsley, and Edward Giles, Esquires, had a majority of votes.

Whereupon RESOLVED, That Thomas Sim Lee, Daniel Carroll, William Hemsley, and Edward Giles, Esquires, be and are hereby declared to be delegates to represent this state in congress.

Mr. Chafe delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 27, 1782.

The address in behalf of the visitors and governors of *Washington* college, and their declaration of trust, with the list of the subscriptions towards founding and supporting the said college, and copies of the letter from the said visitors to his Excellency general Washington, and his answer, being read,

RESOLVED, That the visitors of Kent county school have exerted themselves with a laudable diligence and address, in the execution of the trust committed to them for founding the said college.

RESOLVED, That the numerous subscribers towards the college have given an exemplary proof of their zeal for the honour and interest of their country, by contributing so freely and liberally towards the establishment of a general seminary for the advancement of knowledge, virtue, and public spirit.

RESOLVED, That the declaration of trust by the visitors and governors of the said college, is an acceptable pledge and assurance, that they will continue to exert their utmost zeal and abilities in carrying on and completing the establishment of a seminary so successfully begun, and which promises to be of public utility to the present and future generations.

RESOLVED, That their exertions merit the approbation of the legislature, and (when circumstances will permit) ought to receive their public encouragement and assistance.

RESOLVED, That the exalted and patriotic sentiments contained in the letter of his Excellency general *Washington*, in answer to the letter of the visitors of Kent county school, and the polite manner in which he hath been pleased to accept the honourable intentions of the general assembly, in dignifying the college with his name, are proofs of that goodness and greatness of soul by which he is actuated in all his conduct.

RESOLVED, That the several papers upon which these resolutions are founded be entered on the journals of assembly, and be published with the same, in honour to the first founders, benefactors, and patrons, of this seminary.

Which were read the first and second time and unanimously agreed to. Sent to the senate by Mr. Duvall and Mr. Wheeler.

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