

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have appointed Mr. James Hopewell to join James Hollyday, Esquire, to wait on the governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate room to be qualified as governor of this state.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. W. Thomas, from the committee of claims, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and proceedings of William Richardson, Esquire, treasurer of the eastern shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims to the first of November, 1795, there was a balance of £. 58 14 5 specie remaining in the treasury.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of said treasurer, he hath received for fines and forfeitures, marriage, ordinary and retailers licences, the sum of £. 1953 1 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  specie; for arrearages of taxes from the several collectors on the eastern shore, the sum of £. 2189 10 0 specie; and by the operation of the law establishing a land-office on the eastern shore, the sum of £. 158 12 0 $\frac{1}{2}$  specie.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of said treasurer, he hath paid away, from the 1st of November, 1795, to the 1st of November, 1796, to sundry persons, the sum of £. 12 13 9 specie; to the visitors of Washington college the sum of £. 1250 0 0; to the jurors of the general court on the eastern shore the sum of £. 691 12 6 specie; to the treasurer of the western shore the sum of £. 2255 12 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  specie; for all which payments have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts; and that he hath retained in his hands the sum of £. 150 0 0 for his salary; which said several sums closes the accounts of the said treasurer up to the 1st of November, 1796.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, report, that they have taken they same under consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and that from the geographical situation of said county it is impossible for the inhabitants of the western part of said county, who compose the eighth regiment of militia, to attend the meetings in regiment without exceeding great inconvenience, many of the persons composing said regiment living about two and thirty miles from the place where said regiment meets, and in a very mountainous country; and your committee being convinced, that in times of peace no absolute necessity exists for subjecting the said petitioners to the inconvenience felt and complained of by them, are of opinion that a law ought to pass, authorising the colonel of the said eighth regiment to appoint places and days for the persons composing said regiment to meet in battalion or companies, as may be most convenient, instead of meeting in regiment as at present directed by the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and John Eager Howard, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker that the senate request his attendance, with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate room, to see the governor qualified.

Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, and saw his excellency qualify in the presence of both houses, by subscribing the declaration, taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office directed to be taken by act of assembly, and the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, with the members, returned and resumed the chair.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 16, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. William Whittington, a delegate returned for Worcester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

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

THE committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Christian Weaver, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that it appears from an original deed, bearing date on the tenth of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, exhibited to them, that a certain Richard Allen did convey, in fee, to the said Christian Weaver, all his right and title to two acres of land, being part of a tract of land called Level Union, lying in Baltimore county, according to the description as set forth in said deed; that it also appears, from the escheat warrant of John Callahan, register of the land-office, that the said Richard Allen, at the time of making his deed as aforesaid, was an alien, by which means the said part of Level Union became escheatable; that the said Christian Weaver was unacquainted with this circumstance until shortly before the twenty-sixth of May, seventeen