

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777. 3

Which being read and considered; the following message was sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esq;

By the SENATE, February 7, 1777.

Gentlemen,

YOUR message contains matter of great moment, and of such a nature, as we think makes a conference necessary; should you concur with us in this sentiment, we will immediately appoint members of our, to join such of your, house, as you may judge proper to name for that purpose.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Veazy from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 7, 1777.

May it please your honours,

IN answer to your message by William Paca, Esq; this house, deeming the subject of their former message a matter of infinite importance, are willing to confer thereon immediately; and in order thereto have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Lethrbury, as conferees from this house, to join any members your house shall appoint for that purpose.

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

William Paca and Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquires, were appointed conferees, on behalf of the senate, to meet the gentlemen appointed by the house of delegates.

Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esq; was sent to the house of delegates with the following message:

By the SENATE, February 7, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THIS house hath appointed William Paca and Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquires, to meet the gentlemen named by your house for the purpose mentioned in your message by Messieurs Smith and Veazy.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Adjourned till next day 3 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY, February 8, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The honourable Matthew Tilghman and Robert Goldborough, Esquires, elected senators of this state, severally qualified in presence of the senate, by taking the oaths prescribed by the form of government before William Paca, Esq; and subscribing the declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and took their seats.

William Paca and Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquires, conferees, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following report:

At a conference of both houses of assembly, appointed to ascertain what force would be sufficient to suppress the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties,

WERE PRESENT,

JOSEPH NICHOLSON, and WILLIAM PACA, Esqrs. senators.

JEREMIAH T. CHASE, JOHN HENRY, and PEREGRINE LETHRBURY, Esqrs. delegates.

Who made choice of William Paca, Esq; chairman, and John Johnson, clerk.

YOUR conferees, having taken into consideration the force already ordered by congress to suppress the said insurrection, and also the force ordered for the said purpose by the council of safety of this state, are of opinion, that the said force, amounting by a probable calculation to upwards of seventeen hundred men, including a matross company with two field pieces, is sufficient to suppress the said insurrection.

Signed by order of the conferees, JOHN JOHNSON, clk.

Which was read and agreed to.

On motion, RESOLVED, That Matthew Tilghman, Robert Goldborough, Charles Carroll (of Carrollton), and Thomas Stone, Esquires, be a committee to draw up rules and regulations proper to be observed by the senate for the transaction of business during this session.

Adjourned till Monday 3 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, February 10, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. The same members present as on Saturday, except Robert Goldborough, Esq; The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

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