

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777.

By the SENATE, February 10, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE business of completing the military appointments of our quota of the army appears to us so important, that we think it ought not to suffer the least delay. We therefore propose for the sake of dispatch, that the council of safety be directed to establish the proceedings of the commissioners who were sent to the camp by the late convention, and to complete the whole military arrangement, that the recruiting service may be expedited; and we rather incline to establish what has already been done, as we are of opinion, that the commissions and appointments under the above authority ought not, upon a consideration of all circumstances, now to be superseded. This method we have thought of to forward this important work, but if it should be more agreeable to you to proceed in it by a committee of both houses, we shall readily concur with you.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 10, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE herewith send you a resolve of this house, relative to the security of the trade and commerce of this state, for your concurrence.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 10, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE concur with you in opinion, that the completing the military appointment of our quota of the army is so important, that it ought not to suffer the least delay; but we cannot accede to your proposition, that the council of safety be directed to establish the proceedings of the commissioners, who were sent to camp by the late convention. We are desirous the whole matter should be left at large to a committee of both houses, and when the rank of the officers is finally settled under the direction of the general assembly, we are of opinion it will have more weight, and therefore agree to your last proposition of proceeding in the business by a committee of both houses, and have nominated Mr. Hall, Mr. Kent, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Beall, to join with such members of the senate as you may think proper to appoint.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which being read was assented to, and thereupon George Plater, Brice T. B. Worthington, and Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquires, were appointed a committee to join the members nominated by the house of delegates for the purposes mentioned in their said message, and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

By the SENATE, February 10, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have appointed George Plater, Brice T. B. Worthington, and Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquires, to join the members appointed by your house for the purposes mentioned in your message by Messieurs Sheredine and Hammond.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

TUESDAY, February 11, 1777.

THE senate met according to adjournment. The same members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 11, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house hath appointed Mr. Kent, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Jordan, to join one or more of the members of the senate as a committee to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The message from the house of delegates, relative to the trade and commerce of this state, was read a second time, and the proposition therein contained assented to.

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