

lieutenant William Campbell, and with all expedition proceed to Somerset and Worcester counties, and there disperse the proclamation published by authority of the general assembly, and see the same duly enforced, and use his utmost endeavours to apprehend all the several persons excepted out of the said proclamation. Should he find any disaffected persons assembled in arms, he is to use his utmost endeavours to quell them, shedding as little blood as may be, and taking care to arrest the ringleaders, and send them under a guard to the executive power of this state, by them to be disposed of according to law.

As brigadier-general Hooper has already marched into Somerset and Worcester counties, we recommend to colonel Gist to call on, or send an express to, him, in his way down, to gain intelligence, and if he should understand that the tories are entirely dispersed, and their ringleaders secured, he is to direct the militia of this state to return to their respective homes, the matrosses to their stations at Annapolis and Baltimore-Town, and dismiss the regulars from the present service. He is to give intelligence of his proceedings from time to time to the executive body of this state. That colonel Gist, or the commanding officer in Somerset and Worcester counties, hereafter take the directions of this state, as to the disposition of the arms that may be delivered up by the insurgents in those counties.

Read and assented to by the house of delegates this 11th day of February, 1777.

T. SPRIGG WOOTTON, sp. ho. del.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ford and Mr. T. Bond from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 12, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are of opinion from the best information they are able to get, that the Virginia regiment need not move forward towards Somerset and Worcester counties, but be immediately dismissed from that service, and proceed to the camp, or where ever the honourable congress may have directed; and that brigadier-general Smallwood be requested to give the thanks of the general assembly to the commanding officer and the whole corps, for their readiness to aid the civil authority in suppressing the insurgents in Somerset and Worcester counties.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, and in answer thereto the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll (of Carrollton) Esq;

By the SENATE, February 12, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE concur in that part of your message by Messieurs Ford and Bond, which suggests the expediency of dismissing the Virginia regiment from the particular service of this state; and agree that general Smallwood be requested to give such orders to the said regiment, as he, in pursuance of the instructions from the honourable congress, may think proper; but we cannot acquiesce in that part of your message proffering the thanks of the general assembly of Maryland to regular troops, for having merely marched hither in consequence of orders from the supreme authority.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

On reading a second time the message from the house of delegates by Messieurs Ford and Bond, the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

By the SENATE, February 12, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE proclamation and instructions to general Smallwood, proposed by your house for our concurrence, we think exceptionable in several particulars, and the subject being complicated, and requiring dispatch, we submit to your consideration the propriety of a conference, as the most expeditious method to adjust any difference of opinion between us.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. J. Bond from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 12, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE agree to a conference with you on the proclamation and instructions to general Smallwood, that we may thereby more expeditiously adjust any difference of opinion between us respecting those subjects, and have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Lethbury, conferees of this house, to join any members your house may think proper to appoint for that purpose.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, and Matthew Tilghman and Charles Carroll (of Carrollton) Esquires were appointed conferees for the purpose mentioned therein, and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esquire.

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