

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777. 7

By the SENATE, February 12, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THIS house hath appointed Matthew Tilghman and Charles Carroll, Esquires, to join the conferees nominated in your message of this day by Messieurs Harrison and Bond.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

T H U R S D A Y, February 13, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 13, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are of opinion, from the information contained in the letter and deposition herewith transmitted to you, that it is highly necessary that the order to the council of safety for dismissing the Virginia regulars should be countermanded; and that the council of safety be directed to give orders to general Smallwood to march off the Virginia forces immediately to the aid of general Hooper, to suppress the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, and the following message, in answer, was sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esquire.

By the SENATE, February 13, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE concur in sentiment with you on the subject of your message by Messieurs Kent and Edelen.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 13, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house, apprehending the appointment of a governor and privy council to be absolutely necessary, have qualified themselves agreeable to the constitution and form of government, and will proceed on that business this afternoon, if agreeable to your honours.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, and the following message, in answer, was sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

By the SENATE, February 13, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE agree to proceed this afternoon to the choice of a governor and council, and have appointed Samuel Wilson and Thomas Stone, Esquires, to examine the ballot box, in conjunction with a committee from your house.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The conferees by this house appointed for the purpose, bring in the following report:

At a conference of both houses of assembly, to consider of the subject matter of the proclamation and instructions sent from the house of delegates to the senate,

W E R E P R E S E N T,

MATTHEW TILGHMAN, and CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton, Esqrs. senators.

JEREMIAH TOWNLEY CHASE, JOHN HALL, and PEREGRINE LETHRBURY, Esqrs. delegates.

Who made choice of Matthew Tilghman, Esq; chairman, and Mr. John Johnson, clerk.

YOUR conferees, having taken into consideration the purpose of their meeting, have agreed to the following, as a proclamation proper to be issued by the general assembly, and also the following instructions, as proper to be delivered to general Smallwood, and submit the same to the consideration of the honourable the general assembly.

Signed by order of conf.

JOHN JOHNSON, clk.

By the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester counties, through the sinister arts of wicked and designing men, have been betrayed into dangerous and highly criminal offences