

Mr. Lethbrury and Mr. Wright from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the engrossed proclamation and the instructions to general Smallwood, which were read and signed by the honourable president.

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

F R I D A Y, February 14, 1777.

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

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Turbutt Wright, Esq;

By the SENATE, February 14, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE danger from the small pox increasing every day, and two persons in the poor-house being lately taken down, we think it would be prudent to order every one there, who has not had the disorder, to be immediately inoculated; and as any of the soldiers shall be taken in the city, that they be immediately removed thither. If this measure should have your approbation, it may be intimated to the council of safety, who will give directions accordingly.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 14, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have proceeded to ballot for the governor's council, and are now ready to examine the boxes.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 14, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house concur with your message of this day by Turbutt Wright, Esq; and are of opinion, that the council of safety be requested to take the most effectual measures of preventing the small pox from spreading in this city.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

The senate having taken the oath prescribed by the form of government; proceeded to ballot for members of the council to the governor, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee appointed by this house to join the committee of the house of delegates, to take the joint ballot of both houses, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that on examining the ballots of both houses, the following gentlemen have a majority of votes: Charles Carroll, sen. Josiah Polk, John Rogers, Edward Lloyd, John Contee, Esquires.

Whereupon it is declared by the senate, that Charles Carroll, sen. Josiah Polk, John Rogers, Edward Lloyd, and John Contee, Esquires, are duly elected members of the council to the governor.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, relative to the establishment of a court house; a memorial from the officers of the several artillery companies stationed at Annapolis; and a memorial from George Cooke, Esquire, captain of the ship defence; were severally read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquire.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 14, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have agreed to proceed to-morrow morning to the nomination of delegates to represent this state in congress, and have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Henry, a committee to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with a committee of your house.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the president of the senate be requested to join the speaker of the house of delegates in a letter to Thomas Johnson, jun. Esquire, notifying to him that he is appointed governor