

credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, with the following endorsements thereon; "By the house of delegates, March 6, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. March 8, 1777: Read the second time and will pass." By order, G. DUVAL, cl. ho. del.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq.

By the S E N A T E, March 18, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are of opinion with you, that in compliance with the recommendation from congress, commissioners be appointed for the purposes mentioned in your message; we concur in your proposition to nominate five, with power to any three or more of them to act, and shall immediately proceed to ballot for them.

We have appointed William Paca and Turbutt Wright, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

By the S E N A T E, March 18, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE concur in opinion, that the persons mentioned in your message of the sixth of March, this day delivered by Messieurs Hall and Dickinson, are entitled to the benefit of the proclamation, and ought to be discharged from custody, that they may have their election to take that benefit or not; and agree that the council of safety have orders to discharge them, and all others arrested under similar circumstances.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P. O. S. T. M. E. R. I. D. I. E. M.

Senate met.

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

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 14, 1777.

THE house took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to prepare a draught of the commissions to be granted to the chancellor, judges, and justices of this state, and the oath of office to be taken by the governor, the chancellor, justices, and the other civil officers of this state, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the governor, chancellor, judges, justices, and the other civil officers of government, take the following oaths respectively before they enter into the execution of their respective offices.

The oath of the governor. I, A. B. elected governor of the state of Maryland, by the senate and house of delegates thereof, do solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office diligently and faithfully, according to the constitution and laws of the said state, without favour, affection, or partiality; and that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain, and defend, the state of Maryland, the constitution and laws, the freedom and independency thereof, against all open enemies, or secret and traitorous conspiracies, and will protect the people thereof in the secure enjoyment of all their rights and privileges, and will constantly endeavour, that the laws of the state be duly observed, and that law and justice in mercy be executed in all judgments, and that I will peaceably and quietly resign the office of governor to which I have been elected, at the period to which my continuance in the said office is or shall be limited by law and the constitution. So help me God.

That the said oath be administered to the governor by the president of the senate, in the senate house, in the presence of the members of both houses of the general assembly.

The oath of a member of the council. I, A. B. elected a member of the council of Maryland, do solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office diligently and faithfully, according to the constitution and laws of the said state, without favour, affection, or partiality; and that I will keep secret such proceedings and orders of the council, as the board shall direct to be concealed, unless when the same shall be called for by either house of assembly.

The oath of the chancellor, and of the judge or justice of any court. I, A. B. chancellor, judge, or justice, do solemnly promise and swear, that (as chancellor, judge, or justice) I will do equal law and right in every case in which I shall act as chancellor, judge, or justice, according to the laws thereof, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay; and will behave myself justly, honestly, and faithfully, in the said office, according to the best of my knowledge and understanding, so long as I shall continue therein. So help me God.

That the oath to the chancellor be administered to him by the governor, and that any judge or justice qualify in court, before any one in commission with him, or before any qualified judge or justice out of court.

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