

your honours, and have nominated Mr. Earle, Mr. Brice, and Mr. Thomas, to examine the ballot boxes. The list of persons proposed is herewith communicated.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

Joseph Nicholson and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. were appointed to join the gentlemen of the house of delegates in examining the ballot boxes; and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

By the SENATE, November 11, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE shall be ready to proceed to the choice of the council to the governor at the time you propose, and have nominated Joseph Nicholson and Thomas Contee, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes, no person being proposed in this house, in addition to the list sent.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

The senate, having taken the oath prescribed by the form of government, proceeded to ballot, 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 Thomas Sim Lee, Joseph Sim, Edward Lloyd, John Rogers, and Josiah Polk, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, That Thomas Sim Lee, Joseph Sim, Edward Lloyd, John Rogers, and Josiah Polk, Esquires, are duly elected members of the council to the governor.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

By the SENATE, November 11, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE propose, that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates, to notify to the gentlemen chosen into the council their election.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Messrs. Douglass and Schnebely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the said message, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 11, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 12, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messrs. Somervill and Maxwell, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve relative to the matrosses of this state; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, Esq;

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill to empower the county courts to issue subpoenas for witnesses residing in other counties, to attend trials to be had before such courts, and to direct the manner of issuing executions from one county to another; and Joseph Nicholson, Thomas Stone, and Charles Grahame, Esqrs. were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messrs. Thomas and Sheredine, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Frederick in Frederick county, and parts adjacent; together with a bill, entitled, An act to open a road from John Furry's ferry on Patowmack river, to intersect the road leading from Harper's ferry to Frederick-town in Frederick county; which bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 12, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

"By the house of delegates, November 13, 1777: Read the second time by an especial order and will pass."

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The said bill and petition were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to unite the free-schools of St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties; and George Plater,