

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777. 9

The message of the house of delegates of the 20th inst. by Messrs. R. Barnes and L. Wilson, was read the second time, and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, November 24, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have hitherto delayed coming to a conclusive determination on the subject of your message, of the 20th instant, by Messrs. R. Barnes and L. Wilson, in expectation that Mr. Sim would attend and qualify in the council. If that gentleman does not appear and qualify to-day, we will proceed with you to-morrow morning to fill up the vacancies in the council by ballot.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 25, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Joseph Nicholson, Esq;

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messrs. Hyland and Ward, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the surviving visitors of Cæcil county free-school to fill up the vacancies for visitors in said school, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 25, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Messrs. R. Barnes and Hammond, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, November 25, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house will proceed immediately to the choice of the council to the governor, and have nominated Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Hall and Mr. Henry, to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with those gentlemen who may be appointed by your honours. The list of gentlemen proposed is herewith communicated.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

Turbutt Wright and Charles Grahame, Esqrs. were appointed by the senate to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with the gentlemen nominated by the house of delegates; and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, November 25, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to proceed immediately to the choice of three members of the council to the governor, and have nominated Turbutt Wright and Charles Grahame, Esqrs. to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with the gentlemen named by your house.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Messrs. Edelen and Young, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the trustees of the poor in Frederick county to sell the houses and ground therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 25, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The senate, having taken the oath prescribed by the form of government, proceeded to ballot for three 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 ballot boxes, the following gentlemen had a majority of votes: James Brice, William Hemsley, and Daniel Carroll, Esqrs. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that James Brice, William Hemsley, and Daniel Carroll, Esqrs. are duly elected members of the council to the governor.

On motion, ORDERED, That George Plater, Esq; wait upon his excellency, and request his attendance in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills. The governor appeared in the senate. ORDERED, That Matthew Tilghman and William Paca, Esqrs. acquaint the house of delegates, that the governor is ready to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request their attendance in the senate. The house of delegates appeared in the senate, and the following engrossed bills were presented by the speaker to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in presence of the members of both houses:

No. 3. A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to unite the free-schools of St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties.

No. 4. An act to procure cloathing for the quota of this state of the American army.

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