

14 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777.

ORDERED, That the clerk purchase a book for recording the votes and proceedings of the senate.

Messrs. Burgess and Deye, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve relative to the contract of Charles Wallace, for making salt; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

F R I D A Y, December 5, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Thomas Stone, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

The order of the day, for taking into consideration the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, being read, the same was referred to to-morrow.

The resolve of the house of delegates, delivered on yesterday by Messrs. Burgess and Deye, was read and assented to, with the following amendments, and, with the amendments, sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq; Strike out the seventh line, and the words, "state a quantity," in the eighth line, and insert the following: "And retain in their hands so much thereof as may be necessary for the public provisions, and that they order the residue, if any, to the several counties in this state."

Messrs. Worthington and Strawbridge, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 5, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are desirous of appointing delegates to represent this state in congress, and propose to go into a choice for that purpose this afternoon; as two of the members are to be changed annually, according to the constitution and form of government, it is thought expedient, by this house, to determine, by ballot, those who are to be excluded. Should your honours concur with us in this proposition, Mr. Madaux, Mr. Contee, and Mr. West, will meet such members of your house as may be appointed for the examination of the ballot boxes.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

Brice T. B. Worthington and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. were appointed to join the committee of the house of delegates in examining the ballot boxes, and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

By the SENATE, December 5, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE assent to the proposition, contained in your message of this day, by Messieurs Worthington and Strawbridge, and have appointed Brice T. B. Worthington and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. to join the committee of your house in the examination of the ballot boxes.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

The senate proceeded to ballot for the exclusion of two of the delegates to congress, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of this house appointed 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 William Smith and Benjamin Rumsey, Esquires, were excluded by a majority of votes.

William Paca, Esq; appeared in the senate.

Matthew Tilghman and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. were appointed to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with such committee, as may be appointed by the house of delegates to take the joint ballot of both houses, in the election of six delegates to congress; and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

By the SENATE, December 5, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to proceed to ballot for six delegates to congress, and have appointed Matthew Tilghman, and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with such gentlemen as may be nominated for that purpose by your house. No person is named in the senate, in addition to the list communicated.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Messrs. Edelen and Benson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

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