

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777. 15

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 5, 1777.

May it please your honours,
Mr. Smith, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Kent, are appointed by this house for the purpose mentioned in your message, by William Hindman, Esq;
By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The senate proceeded to ballot for six 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 the following gentlemen had a majority of votes: Samuel Chase, William Paca, George Plater, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Joseph Nicholson, Esqrs. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Samuel Chase, William Paca, George Plater, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Joseph Nicholson, Esqrs. are duly elected delegates to congress.
The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, December 6, 1777.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to amend the law to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, was read the second time and will pass with the following amendments: In the sixth line of the first page, strike out the words, "removing or transporting," and insert the words, "during the removal or transportation thereof." In the last line of the bill, strike out the words, "any sister state," and insert the words, "or of any of them, or of any person not being an inhabitant of this state."

The said bill was, with the amendments, sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq; Charles Grahame, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act 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; which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esq;

Messrs. Wright and Smoot, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve, to empower the governor and the council to pay the militia of this state, who have been in actual service; which was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, 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 Monday.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 8, 1777.

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

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

By the SENATE, December 8, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE think it proper that the absent gentlemen, chosen delegates to congress, should be informed, by a joint letter from the president and the speaker, of their appointment, and requested to signify to the general assembly, whether they will act as delegates, that, in case they should decline their appointment, others may be chosen in their stead before the end of this session.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the senate proceeded to read the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, the second time, and after making some progress therein, the farther reading was deferred till to-morrow.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 9, 1777.

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

Messrs. Levin Wilson and Chew, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the message