

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777. 23

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 16, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have nominated Mr. Winder, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Kent, to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with the members of the senate for that purpose appointed, for the choice of commissioners to go to Fredericksburg.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The senate then proceeded to ballot; 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 Messrs. John Stewart, Josias Beall, and Norman Bruce, had a majority of votes, and that Messrs. Ezekiel Forman, B. T. B. Worthington, and Thomas S. Wootton had an equal number of votes. Whereupon the senate proceeded to ballot for two of the last aforesaid gentlemen; and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee, who again retired to the conference room, and after some time returned, and reported, That Messrs. Worthington, and Forman had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Messrs. John Stewart, Josias Beall, Norman Bruce, B. T. B. Worthington, and Ezekiel Forman, are duly elected commissioners for this state, to meet the commissioners of Virginia and North-Carolina at Fredericksburg, agreeably to the recommendation of congress.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the governor and council be directed to distribute three hundred stand of the arms, lately repaid by the congress, into the hands of the lieutenants of Kent and Talbot counties, for the defence of the eastern shore, and to authorise the said lieutenants to employ persons to make up, with all possible dispatch, five thousand cartridges, two thousand five hundred of which, with one hundred and fifty of the said arms to be safely kept in Chester-Town, and two thousand five hundred, with the remaining one hundred and fifty arms, to be safely kept at Talbot Court-house. Which resolution was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 17, 1777.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Charles Carrioll of Carrollton, 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 George Plater 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. 5. An act to enable the surviving visitors of Cæcil county free-school to fill up the vacancies for visitors in said school.

No. 6. An act to enable the trustees of the poor in Frederick county to sell the houses and ground therein mentioned.

No. 7. An act to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties.

No. 8. An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state, of the American army, and furnishing them with cloathing and other necessaries.

No. 9. A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state.

No. 10. An act for the regulation of officers fees.

No. 11. An act to amend the law to prevent forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes.

No. 12. 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.

No. 13. A supplement to the act for the regulation of officers fees.

Messrs. Smoot and Alexander, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message; which was read.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 17, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have received information of the death of Mr. John Veazey, late register of wills for Cæcil county; and also that Mr. John Goldsborough, register of wills for Dorchester county, and William Morris, Esq; register of wills for Worcester county, were appointed by the