

the governor and council, in the recess of the general assembly; and propose to go into the appointment of a register for each county. Should your honours concur with us, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Bond, and Mr. Crabb, will meet such members of your house as may be appointed for examining the ballot boxes. The list of gentlemen proposed to be ballotted for is herewith sent.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Thomas Contee and William Hindman, 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 17, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to ballot for a register of wills in each of the counties of Cæcil, Dorchester, and Worcester, and have appointed Thomas Contee and William Hindman, Esqrs. to join the committee of your house in examining the ballot boxes. No person is named in the senate in addition to the list communicated.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

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 Mr. David Smith for Cæcil county, Mr. John Goldborough for Dorchester county, and Mr. William Morris for Worcester county, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Mr. David Smith for Cæcil county, Mr. John Goldborough for Dorchester county, and Mr. William Morris for Worcester county, (are duly elected registers of wills.

The resolve of the house of delegates, delivered on yesterday by Messrs. Winder and M'Pherson, was read the second time and assented to,

Messrs. Ward and Strawbridge, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve relative to the constitution and declaration of rights; which was read and assented to.

The aforesaid resolves were sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

Messrs. Burgess and Stevenson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of justices, jurymen, witnesses, and constables, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 13, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

"By the house of delegates, December 17, 1777: Read the second time and will pass."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Messrs. Quynn and Sprigg, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills, No. 14, 15, and 16, with the paper bills thereof; which engrossed bills were thus severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The said bills were read and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of justices, jurymen, witnesses, and constables, was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esq;

Messrs. Plowden and Crabb, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the resolve of this house of December 3, sent by Samuel Wilson, Esq; and the resolve of this house of yesterday, by William Hindman, Esq; which resolves were thus severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Messrs. Young and Smithson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 17, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have appointed a committee to consider a letter of colonel Dashiell and other papers relative to the seizure of salt and provisions in Worcester county, by order of the continental agents, and report their opinion thereon, and are desirous that some members of your house should be added to that committee.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

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

By the SENATE, December 17, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THIS house have appointed Charles Carroll of Carrollton and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. to join the committee of your house appointed for the purpose mentioned in your message of this day by Messrs. Young and Smithson.

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

T H U R S.