

committee of your house to examine the ballot boxes. No gentlemen have been named in the senate in addition to the lists proposed by you.

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 James Forbes and John Henry, Esqrs. had a majority of votes for delegates to congress; and that Mr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton had a majority of votes for a commissioner. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that James Forbes and John Henry, Esqrs. are duly elected delegates to congress, and that Mr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton is duly elected one of the commissioners of this state, to meet the commissioners of Virginia and North-Carolina at Fredericksburg, agreeably to the recommendation of congress.

Messrs. Ford and Burgess, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve to empower the governor and the council, in the recess of assembly, to fill up any vacancies that may happen in the board of auditors, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 23, 1777.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolve of the house of delegates of yesterday, delivered by Messrs. Ford and Burgess, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

Messrs. Plowden and Turner, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a letter from the governor to the general assembly, enclosing an estimate of the sums of money necessary to carry the several resolves into execution; and the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 23, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have taken into our consideration the governor's letter and estimate herewith sent, and have thereupon entered into several resolves, which we hope will answer the purpose of procuring the sums immediately necessary for the recruiting service and cloathing for the troops. Some money will no doubt be brought into the treasury by loans and by the sale of the ship Defence, and the galleys ordered to be sold. The money now in the treasury, together with what is already in the loan-office, and may be procured by the resolves now passed and sent to your honours for your concurrence, will, we expect, answer the demands that may be made on the treasury, before the next meeting of the general assembly. Impressed with this idea, we wish the journal may pass your house, because we have reason to believe some of the public creditors cannot with convenience remain unpaid; those who can wait, will, we apprehend, be well satisfied with having certificates.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which were read,

Messrs. Sprigg and Stevenson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to prevent counterfeiting loan-office certificates, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, Dec. 23, 1777: Read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass." By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Which was read the first and second time, by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

Messrs. Maddux and Winder, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill, No. 23, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 23, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The said bill was read, and assented to.

Messrs. Henry and Kent, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve, for requesting the governor and the council to write to the sheriffs of the several counties concerning the collection of the assessment, and to request the commissioners of the loan-office to call in debts, which was read, and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq.

The bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will not pass.

The paper bills, No. 20, 22, and 23, were sent to the house of delegates by B. T. B. Worthington, Esq;

The journal of accounts, and the bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, were, with the following message, sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq;

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