

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 7, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have been informed of the death of Mr. Kinsey Johns, register of wills for Calvert county, and are desirous of appointing another in his room. Should your honours concur with us, the joint ballot of both houses may be taken this afternoon, for the purpose of recommending another to be commissioned by the governor; and Mr. Kent and Mr. Crabb will attend the gentlemen of your house to examine the ballot boxes. The name of the gentleman proposed to be recommended is herewith sent.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read; and 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 Thomas Stone, Esq;

By the SENATE, April 7, 1778.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to ballot for a register of wills for Calvert county, and have appointed Thomas Contee and William Hindman, Esqrs. a committee to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with the members nominated by your house.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, 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 Francis King had a majority of votes: Whereupon it is declared by the senate, that the said Francis King is duly elected register of wills for Calvert county.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, April 8, 1778.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except George Plater, Robert Goldsborough, and Charles Grahame, Esqrs. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A letter from colonel Henry Hollingsworth, of Cæcil county, to the governor, requesting a detachment of militia might be ordered to the head of Elk, to escort the removal of the stores, and to guard that important post, was read, and sent to the house of delegates, by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Mr. Hammond and Mr. Somervill, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president, the following resolve:

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The house taking into consideration a letter from general Smallwood of the 2d, and a letter from col. Hollingsworth, of the 5th instant, RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to order out such of the militia of Cæcil, Kent and Harford counties, or of any adjacent counties, as may be necessary to guard the public stores removing, or about to be removed from the Delaware state, towards the head of the bay; also to guard any public stores that may be removing or about to be removed, from any place in the upper part of this state.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, assented to with the following amendment: Strike out, in the 10th line, "towards the head of the bay," and insert, at the conclusion of the resolve, "to some place of security in this or the neighbouring states," and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming, was read a second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met,

The petition of Richard Brown, of Charles county, setting forth, That he is possessed of a considerable real estate in Scotland, on the profits of which he and his family in a great measure depend for support; that he is apprehensive, if he takes the oath directed by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, his said estate will be sequestered by the British government; and therefore praying to be exempted from the disabilities and penalties incurred by persons refusing to take the said oath, was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Jennings, Esq;

A letter