

RESOLVED, That whatever prizes or salvage may be taken or acquired by the said brig and schooner, be given to the captains, officers, and crews, of the said vessels, to be divided amongst them in the same manner as on board continental vessels of war.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Messieurs Hall and Cadwalader, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 17, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS being the day agreed upon by the conferrees of both houses, on the seventh of April last, and concurred with by this house, for the election of delegates to represent this state in congress for the ensuing year, we propose to ballot for delegates immediately, and have nominated Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Brogden, and Mr. M'Mechen, to join the members you may think proper to appoint in examining the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen are proposed by this house to be balloted for, viz. Thomas Johnson, Luther Martin, John Hanson, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires.

This house are of opinion, that the number of delegates should not exceed four, and that to induce gentlemen of abilities and business to accept the trust, and to devote the whole or the far greater part of their time to the public service, that a liberal allowance be made by the state to defray their reasonable expences. If your honours concur with us in opinion, we shall only ballot for four gentlemen.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read, and the following message, in answer thereto, sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 17, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to your proposal to appoint four delegates to represent this state in congress, and concur with you in opinion, that it will be highly proper to make a liberal allowance to the gentlemen appointed, that no injury may arise to individuals from an attendance on public duty. Mr. Stone has informed this house, that the situation of his family and affairs render it impossible for him to give such attendance in congress as ought to be expected from every delegate, and therefore hopes gentlemen will excuse him from accepting the trust. Mr. Tilghman also hopes to be excused, on account of his age and other circumstances, which will render him unable to give the necessary attendance at congress.

We are ready to ballot immediately for delegates in congress, and have appointed Upton Sheredine and William Hemmley, Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated by you in examining the ballot boxes. No gentleman is named to be balloted for by this house in addition to those mentioned by you.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

The senate proceeded to ballot for four delegates to congress, the ballot box was prepared, and the ballots deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of this house appointed to meet the committee of the other house, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that Thomas Johnson, John Hanson, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, That the above gentlemen are duly elected delegates to congress.

The resolution respecting the vessels was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 18, 1780.

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

A petition from John Galloway, praying that an act would pass, compelling the tenants of Conococheague manor to pay their rents in continental money, equivalent to the sum agreed on in sterling money, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with a letter from the president of congress, enclosing a requisition of congress for supplies, sent by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 20, 1780.

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

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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