

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781. 3

proceed immediately to the election of a governor by the joint ballot of both houses, and, if agreeable to your honours, on to-morrow at 12 o'clock we also propose to elect the council to the governor by joint ballot. We have appointed Mr. Forrest, Mr. Stull, and Mr. Job, to join the members you may think proper to nominate to examine the ballot boxes.

Thomas Sim Lee, Esq; is proposed to be balloted for by this house.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read; and the following message in answer thereto, with a letter from general Washington, respecting general Smallwood's remaining in this state, in answer to one written the General during last session, was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 19, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

THOUGH a meeting of this house was prevented by the same cause which occasioned a want of members to constitute a house of delegates, we perfectly concur in sentiment with you, that the general assembly now met ought to elect a governor and council by joint ballot as soon as possible.

We are ready immediately to ballot for a governor, and agree to join in electing a council to-morrow at twelve o'clock. Richard Barnes and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, are appointed by this, to join the gentlemen nominated by your house in examining the ballot boxes.

No gentleman is named in this house for governor in addition to the gentleman named by you.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

The members of the senate having severally qualified in the presence of each other, by taking the oaths prescribed by the form of government, proceeded to ballot for a governor; the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee, appointed by this house 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 Thomas Sim Lee had every vote. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, That Thomas Sim Lee is unanimously elected governor of the state of Maryland.

Messieurs Dent and Causin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 19, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE joint committee of both houses, appointed to examine the ballot boxes, have reported, that Thomas Sim Lee, Esq; was unanimously elected governor of this state; we think it proper to notify the same to him, and have appointed Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Fitzhugh to join any members of your house for that purpose.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

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

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 19, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have appointed William Hindman, Esq; to join the gentlemen nominated by you, to inform the governor of his appointment.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 20, 1781.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Stone, and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, be a committee to examine and report on the proceedings of the electors of the senate.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 20, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

HIS Excellency general Washington being expected in this city, and desirous to shew him every attention and respect in our power, we propose to your honours, that an address or vote of thanks of this legislature be prepared for his Excellency, for the eminent services rendered his country, and that a public entertainment be provided for him. Should your honours concur in sentiment, we have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Lloyd, to join any members of the senate whom your honours shall think proper to appoint for this purpose.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

ORDERED,