

## 4 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781.

ORDERED, That Matthew Tilghman and Robert Goldsborough, Esquires, wait on the house of delegates, and inform them, that the governor is now in the senate ready to be qualified, and request their attendance. The house of delegates attended, and his excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esq; was qualified in the presence of both houses, by taking the oaths, and subscribing the declaration, directed by the form of government, and by taking the oaths of office prescribed by law.

The following message, in answer to the above by Messieurs Cadwalader and Forrest, was sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 20, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE rejoice that an opportunity will be given to the legislature of this state to express their gratitude to general Washington in person, and have appointed Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Stone, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquires, to join the members of your house in preparing a vote of thanks to his Excellency. We also agree that a public entertainment be provided for him.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Messieurs B. T. B. Worthington and Brogden, 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,

THIS house have determined to postpone the election of the council; the members of the late council have been proposed to be balloted for, and certain charges of misconduct have been alleged against them, and this house do not incline to proceed to the choice of a council before an examination be made into the charges.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

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

## W E D N E S D A Y, November 21, 1781.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister, appeared in the senate, and after having qualified as prescribed by law, and by the form of government, took his seat.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 21, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are very apprehensive, that an examination into the charges, which you inform us in your message of yesterday have been made against the members of the late council, will take up much time, and if the choice of a new council should be delayed until the examination is completed, the charges proved, or found to be groundless, that many and great inconveniences will result from the delay. The choice of an executive hath already, from casualties, been too long deferred. A total suspension of the executive powers of government, must at any time, but more especially at the present juncture, prove extremely detrimental to the community, and burdensome to individuals attending in this city to transact business with the governor and council.

It is not our desire that the misconduct of any servants of the state should be screened, or their reputations injured, but as we are not made acquainted with the charges brought against the members of the late council, we wish you to re-consider whether they are of such a nature as to render an enquiry, either in justice to the state or to the individuals charged, expedient or necessary. Heats and animosities may probably arise; besides, the loss of time which will be necessarily employed in calling for, waiting the attendance and examinations of witnesses, will, it is to be feared, greatly retard, in other respects, the essential business of the session. You will be pleased also to consider, that an enquiry in your house may draw on one in ours; wherefore we entreat you, if you can with propriety wave the proposed enquiry, to proceed to an immediate choice of the council.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

A petition from Abraham Falconar, requesting a settlement of an account for services done the public, was read, referred to the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

Messieurs Hindman and Tilden, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 21, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

PREVIOUS to the reading of your message by Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; this house had determined to proceed to the choice of the council. The members of this house, who in the