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the course of debate yesterday mentioned certain matters which were conceived charges of misconduct against the late council, having this morning declared, that they did not intend to make any charges against the late council, or any of the members, this house were influenced to go into an immediate choice.

The following gentlemen are proposed to be balloted for by this house: John Hoskins Stone, Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Jeremiah Townley Chase, Benjamin Canada Stoddert, Samuel Hanson, of Samuel, James Brice, James M<sup>r</sup>Henry, Stephen West, and Samuel Turbutt Wright, Esquires, and we have named Mr. Forrest, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Wright, to join such members of your house as you may please to nominate to examine the ballot boxes.

By order, F. GREEN, clk.  
Which was read, and the following message, in answer thereto, was sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 21, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,  
WE are ready to go into an immediate appointment of the council to the governor, and have nominated Richard Barnes, and William Hindman, Esquires, to join the members of your house in examining the ballot boxes. No gentleman is named in this house in addition to those proposed by you.

By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.  
The senate having previously qualified, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor. The ballot box was prepared, 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 John Hoskins Stone, James Brice, Jeremiah Townley Chase, Samuel Turbutt Wright, and Benjamin Stoddert, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the above gentlemen are duly elected counsellors to the governor.

Messieurs Jenifer and Stone, 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,  
WE propose that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates, notifying to the gentlemen chosen into the council their election.

By order, F. GREEN, clk.  
Which was read, and the following message, in answer thereto, was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 21, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,  
WE agree to the proposal contained in your message by Messieurs Jenifer and Stone, of informing the gentlemen chosen into the council of their appointment, by a joint letter from the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates.

By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.  
The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, November 22, 1781.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Messieurs Hall and Chase, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following vote of thanks:

THE General Assembly joyfully embrace the opportunity, which your welcome arrival in this city affords them, of testifying to your Excellency in person, their high sense of your signal services, and of shewing you every mark of esteem and respect. Actuated by the purest public spirit, your long and steady perseverance, and anxious unremitted vigilance, under the pressure of surrounding difficulties, to save your country from the tyranny and oppression of a powerful nation, exhibit to the world a character of most exalted virtue, and fill the minds of all America with gratitude and veneration.

Strength of judgment, united with genius full of resources, and singularly distinguished by a constant serenity and presence of mind, in the midst of dangers and distress, instantly discerned, and seized the decisive moments of enterprise, planned the passage of the Delaware in a wintry and tempestuous night, the consequential surprise and capture of the Hessians at Trenton, speedily followed by that masterly movement, which extricated undisciplined levies from an imminent and unequal conflict with veteran troops, eluded the vigilance of an active commander, turned retreat into victory at Prince-town, checked the enemy's rapid career, raised the drooping spirits of your country, and inspired your soldiers with confidence in their general and themselves.

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